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POMO AFRO HOMOS*

dark fruit

*Post Modern African American Homosexuals

Photo by Jill Posener

LETTERS

Re Sandra Bernhard

Ya see, it goes something like this.

I am a man and sometimes I sleep with men and sometimes I don't and bi sounds like you do it to dogs and when you say you're bi, gay people say you just ain't willin' to commit. Bi is, however, queer enough in straight people's eyes for them to give you a lotta shit, and let's face it, being straight is tired, no matter how you look at it.

I find "gayness" cramping, although not nearly as stifling as I have found "straightness." All of a sudden I'm supposed to know flowers, throw wild parties and recognize Isaac Mizrahi's stuff when I see it on the street. Now maybe I do and maybe I don't.

And another thing. Look at how we "out" people. Any man who has slept with another man is outed as gay. But our gay brothers who occasionally hit Red Lobster are... still gay, if they are ever even talked about. Our dealings with the opposite sex, if acknowledged, are dismissed as part of our "dreamworld" or denial of—(this I love)—"what we really are." In the cases of the famous, we immediately make assumptions that their marriages are shams. And we infallibly assume that they are ashamed of us. Which doesn't make anybody look good.

Sandra educates, but the questions in your interview make her defensive, because there are no answers. No answers are perceived as deliberate vagueness, and then suddenly our friends are our enemies.

It isn't "what" you are. It's what you do, (though sometimes "who you do" adds drama). Anyone supportive of the ignorance surrounding gays and women is OK by me, and deserves our support, not our scrutiny. Anyone else, I don't have much use for.

Lorenzo Lombard
San Francisco

Correction from GLAAD

On behalf of the Board of Directors of GLAAD/SFBA, I must correct a misstatement which appeared in a letter to the editor of the Jan. 30 *SF Bay Times*. Neither we nor any other GLAAD chapter has ever sought or accepted a grant from Fox or MCA/Universal. It seems probable that the letter writer was thinking of a grant which those companies gave to the establishment of Hollywood Supports, an organization set up by the film industry. The writer may have confused the two organizations because Rich Jennings recently left his job as executive director of GLAAD/LA to join the staff of Hollywood Supports. GLAAD has no financial or legal association with Hollywood Supports.

Hollie Conley
GLAAD/SFBA
San Francisco

Legalize Heroin

My very first lover, Clarence, just died of AIDS. He was way not queer, so I didn't read about it in *our* obituaries, and he was way underclass, so I didn't read about it in the *Chronicle*. I can't even verify that he's dead, because he was an outlaw, like *we* were until recently, and wouldn't have used his real name at the hospital or the morgue.

Eleven years ago, Clarence and I lived in downtown San Diego. Clarence used to take drugs with his best friend, Tom, as I now drink martinis at the San Marcos with my best friend. I thought Tom was a jerk because he didn't have any ambition. He was a gentle man who never did a bit of harm and was loved by many.

Tom died at Clarence's hand because heroin is illegal in the United States. Illegal, unregulated drugs are of varying potency, and Tom got more than he bargained for. We all used our real names. Clarence went to jail and I moved to San Francisco.

Eventually Clarence was freed and joined me here, but finally I changed and he didn't. I broke up with him, he went back to welfare hotels and gentle friends with no ambition, and we saw each other about once a year.

Now it seems that loving, whimsical Clarence has died of AIDS because heroin is illegal in the United States. Needle exchange is good, it looks like we're going to have it and I'm glad, but if heroin were legal, people would go to the drugstore and buy it with a clean syringe (or some more ingenious/ecologically sound delivery system brought about by the Power of Free Enterprise). It wouldn't cost much, and they mostly wouldn't be stealing computers and VCRs to get it. People who became addicted would still be largely nonproductive, but Clarence wasn't addicted, heroin is illegal now and he sure is nonproductive as a result.

I don't know enough about his death or recent life to write an obituary. His mother is named Gladys and lives in DeLand, Fla., if she's still alive. I could send her some flowers.

Sunah Cherwin
Berkeley

Making Condoms Unavailable

At the ripe young age of 37, I went into Walgreen's Pharmacy to purchase condoms and was surprised to find they were nowhere in sight. I asked the pharmacist where the condoms were located and he replied, "Back here," pointing behind him. "Isn't that a step backwards in progress?" I asked and his assistant answered, "There's no room out there." In order to purchase my condom of choice the female assistant asked me several questions concerning lubrication, price, nonoxynol-9 content, etc., questions that would have sent any teenage boy or girl running red-faced in the opposite direction.

Walgreen's apparently has been experiencing rubber rip-offs and has chosen to make condoms essentially unavailable behind a counter. I question whether it's worth the loss of a few pennies to a large corporation compared to the potential for saving lives.

Norman Hering
San Francisco

Who's Doing the Picking?

Giving him the benefit of the doubt, maybe working on the Board of Supervisors wasn't the best way for Harry Britt to utilize his talents. I for one think we need something a little bit more substantial than being able to register at City Hall (It's a significant symbol! It's a token pacifier! It's a significant symbol! It's a token pacifier!, etc., ad nauseum). Did I miss something, or do we have any more benefits, tax breaks, or societal acceptance as a result of that? I also don't think it's necessary to have another white gay male fill Harvey's seat. Why not another lesbian (of color)?

Before Achtenberg and Migden were on the Board of Supervisors we had a gay male (largely absent) representing the whole community. To me, this looked like a microcosm of the U.S. Senate. Fuck that shit! Women and people of color are just as, if not more so, capable of representing the community. Why? Because oppression, sexual harassment and discrimination are there from the beginning, not just when they decide to come out and stay out. Besides, who are the people picking who's going to fill the soon to be vacated homo seat? Are there really no people of color or lesbians in the community who are qualified and interested in that seat? Out of our whole community the only three people interested are all white males? How depressing and frightening.

I'm not really clear what Jean Harris' function is at City Hall, but considering who is mayor it's very, very important that everyone in the community makes sure that she understands who she's representing. Remember women and men, girls and boys, being a homosexual doesn't mean the interests of your fellow dykes and fags is a natural thought process. Let's not forget that a male homosexual was Frank's campaign manager. Kind of scary, isn't it?

Ms. Anita Gonow
San Francisco

L/G Film Fest Seeks Entries

In the last 20 years or so, as lesbian and gay cinema has developed and become a significant part of our cultural heritage, we have come to recognize the personal and political importance of seeing images of ourselves in a medium which has historically offered us very little.

Today we begin to see representations that reflect, celebrate and critique our experiences; representations that originate from within our communities; representations that display an understanding of the common concerns we share as gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals; and represen-

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The Gap's success is legend and Ross Stores seems to be making a comeback. But most of the happy merchants are outside the apparel industry.

happy to break even with last year's sales. Though well-run specialty stores had some success, department stores were severely hurt.

Statewide, California holiday sales appeared to rival the long distressed East coast in weakness, national retailers and economists say. California no longer seemed much stronger than the

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tations that reflect the diversity of concerns each of us have as individuals of different races, ethnicities, classes, cultures, genders, religions, abilities, ages, political and personal backgrounds.

Facilitating access to these representations requires collaborative effort and community participation. Frameline's 16th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is currently seeking input, comments and suggestions, as well as film and video submissions. Please call us at (415) 861-5245 or write to Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114.

The Festival Screening Committee will begin viewing Festival entries next month. The deadline for entries is March 1. The Festival will be held from June 19 to 28, 1992.

Jenni Olson, Guest Curator
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Stop Scapegoating

The song by Holly Near, "No More Genocide," comes to mind when I hear of the anti-Japanese racism proclaimed under the euphemism, "Buy American."

There is no such thing as a Japanese car or an American car; all cars are multinational. Both the working class and the capitalist class are international and thus nationalism is reactionary. It can only lead to war and genocide.

Scapegoating ethnic groups, women or gay people for economic problems results in death of those groups. As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and a worker, I join with all decent people around the world in demanding no more genocide in my name.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Sick of Misogynist White Boys

I'm really sick of misogynist white boys who could give a fuck about anyone except themselves, who only care about how they look and who they're seen with. The ones who jump on the gay rights bandwagon when they're safely inside the community, but "think" they can pass when they're at work or leave the gay ghetto(s). The young and old Republicans. The supporters of David Duke (yeah, really, I heard one boast of contributing to David "KKK" Duke) and Pete Wilson. The only difference between them and the other neo-fascists is their sexual preference. And that's not enough anymore. Why worry about the straight community oppressing us when we have self-loathing fascist weasels doing it for us? Let's round them all up, take away their combs and overpowering cologne, and force them to watch the movie *Faster Pussycat, Kill, Kill,* at least three times a week. They're pathetic. Send them to the Sunset.

Constance Schultz
San Francisco

Keeping the Door Shut

When I wrote my letter of Jan. 2 ("Lesbian/Transsexual") my intention was to stir up a healthy discussion about gender issues vis-a-vis the gay community rather than to play "Sir Galahad" for the woman I was dating. As the director of SF Gender Information and an educator about gender issues, it is usually my goal to get people thinking about this topic and to bring the *human* community closer together. So I was somewhat distressed by Jennifer Farrar's letter (1/30/92) which was filled with stereotypes, overgeneralizations and outright attacks.

I am sorry that Ms. Farrar's pain is so great that she deals with it by lashing out, but I believe that an attitude like hers is one of the things that keeps the door shut so tightly between some "normal" gay people and their transgendered counterparts. My gay female friends have accepted me because I positively assert my femaleness, not because I tried to pry open their minds or battered them with guilt-trips about "hypocrisy."

While Ms. Farrar is another transsexual person, I feel no kinship with her, especially when she plunges into Neanderthal gay stereotypes about dykes who "secretly covet" a penis and gay men who wish they were women. Give me a break! Ms. Farrar writes like a former hetero male crossdresser who hasn't a clue of what it's like to be gay and whose fantasies of what it's like to be female come out of a 1950s women's magazine, but it would be an overgeneralization to assume that.

Finally, a word directly to Ms. Farrar. Although you may have seen me riding with Hell's Belles on Pride Day in my leather bikini, you do not know me at all, so I don't appreciate you making blanket assumptions about what's going on in my mind, or snap judgments about co-dependency. I wrote that letter to stir up a little shit, and I got a lot more than I had intended from a source I wasn't expecting. Furthermore, I think you need to examine your gender role stereotypes. I am very secure in *my* femininity and don't worry about "traditional male" roles. What are *you* worried about?

Christine Beatty
San Francisco

The Lesbian Community Is My Community

As a transsexual lesbian, I want to respond to Jennifer Farrar's letter in the Jan. 30 *SF Bay Times*. Whether I participate in the lesbian community or not, I'm still a lesbian. The lesbian community is *my* community, even if I'm an exile from it. I didn't choose either to be a transsexual woman or a lesbian. I can't just choose one identity and drop the other.

While I recognize the long history of vicious oppression of transsexuals by my lesbian community, I feel that her assertion that "trying to pry oneself into a closed door is a waste of time" is an unfair attack on me and my sisters. I disagree with her assertion that the correct course for transsexual lesbians is to abandon our nontranssexual sisters.

As a transsexual I do have to make my lesbian self own the long history of oppression of transsexual women by the lesbian community.

Janice Raymond, self-styled feminist ethicist, both authored *The Transsexual Empire,* the transphobic bible, and worked for the passage of HCFA 588, a federal administrative ruling which made reassignment exempt from Medicaid, forcing thousands of young transsexuals into prostitution, and pressuring thousands more into suicide. Transphobic diatribes appear in most of Mary Daly's works.

"Feminism is the theory; lesbianism is the practice." Naturally that means that many of the institutions which have come from feminism are run by lesbians. Because of the widespread transphobia in the lesbian community, many transsexual women simply don't have access to those institutions. A transsexual woman was turned away from several women's shelters by "womyn," when she tried to obtain refuge from an abusive relationship. Transsexual women have been forced out of incest/abuse survivors groups, various "women only" classes and jobs by "womyn." Olivia Records discriminates against transsexual women. In New York, a rape crisis worker abandoned a transsexual rape victim, declaring that "wasn't a rape, just some drag queen." At the first New Woman Conference, a survey of the feminist caucus revealed that every single participant had been ejected from some event or organization by separatists. One woman had been beaten up. The New York Gender Identity Program has been harassed by callers claiming to be part of Dyke Action Machine (DAM has strongly condemned the action). Transsexual women are officially not welcome at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (a transsexual womyn was abusively ejected last August), the National Lesbian Conference (I was harassed at a planning session), the Kansas City Womyn's support group, the Midwest Womyn's Music Festival... the list sometimes seems endless.

Nonetheless, as a lesbian I am saddened that you believe our lesbian community is all "closed doors and closed minds." I think you are grossly unfair in calling all approaches to the lesbian community "a waste of time." While I've encountered all the oppression I've described, I've also discovered that most nontranssexual lesbians who get to know a transsexual woman, or otherwise become educated, become supportive. I've seen many closed doors become open ones.

Our lesbian community has had plenty of closed doors, as has our transsexual community. For a long time we as lesbians had closed doors to seeing the effects of drugs and alcohol in our midst. We opened that door. For a long time we had closed doors to seeing woman-on-woman violence. We opened that door. For a long time we had closed doors to our own sexuality. We opened that door. For a long time we had closed doors to classism, racism, ableism, looksism, and sizeism in our community. We opened those doors. We are now slowly opening the doors of bi-phobia and S/M-phobia. I'm proud to be part of a community that has such a strong tradition of overcoming its own prejudice. I have faith that my community will open the door on its own transphobia too. It'll just take a little work on our part to help our nontranssexual sisters along.

Over and over, whenever there's been a chance for nontranssexual women to become educated about transsexualism, I've seen these women take up the challenge and do the hard work of overcoming their transphobia. I've tried to open many closed doors and closed minds. I've failed a few times, but I've succeeded more often.

I've seen education work on a city-wide level. The lesbian community in Kansas City (I moved here from KC a year ago) has largely done this work. While there is still much transphobia in the KC lesbian community, one transsexual woman's work has changed attitudes there immensely.

Tacked up above my desk is a tattered phone list, headed "transsexual activists." More of the people on that list are lesbian than are transsexual! Of the nontranssexual women on that list, I know that at least one was once aggressively transphobic.

When I joined a Unitarian Church I was first met with hostility by some of the lesbians in the church. After some patient (and painful for all involved) consciousness-raising, transsexuals are now honestly welcome there.

In the South Bay I volunteered at Sisterspirit Bookstore. I was accepted fully, and on several occasions my nontranssexual sisters made it clear to me that I didn't have to leave my transsexuality at the door. I was welcome in their Gay Pride contingent, T-shirt emblazoned "Sex Change" and all. One woman asked me for a gender topic booklist for the store. Another told me she was glad we had diversity among women working in the store. I was rather boggled by all this until I discovered that I wasn't the first transsexual woman who had volunteered there.

In short, my lesbian community has a lot of work to be done on this issue, but when we stay in the community and do our part, it's doing its work. I hope that Chris' letter will further that work.

Maybe Chris and her girlfriend don't "need" the approval of the lesbian community, but they don't deserve to be cut off from it either. And my lesbian sisters don't deserve to be cut off from Chris or her girlfriend.

Anne Ogborn
San Francisco

Just Can't Understand

It is an outrage that some self-hating gays are actually attempting to ban the North American Man/Boy Love Association from the Gay Day Parade. This would establish a dangerous precedent. The next thing you know they'll try to prevent the Jeffrey Dahmer Culinary Alliance from marching behind the "Gay Dead Heads for Brunch" banner. The JDCA is merely an educational group which advocates the empowerment of deceased homophiles (and those who love them) through the repeal of laws which criminalize their consumption. If this censorious behavior is not nipped in the bud, it could lead to a boycott of A Different Light Bookstore should it be avant-garde enough to carry the Alliance's newsletter, "The Necrophiliac Gourmet," or its new hit single, "Pan Fry Your Man" (with no more apologies to Tammy Wynette).

I just can't understand why these misguided assimilationists persist in sowing dissension in our community. Most straight folks think we're all a bunch of crazed, murderous, child molesting cannibals anyway. So why try to prove them wrong?

Lon Wolf
San Francisco

The NAMBLA Question(s)

Ever since the KRON whiteshirts raided the NAMBLA meeting, our "leaders" have been more loud than clear, acting like they have all the answers when they don't even have all the questions. Here are some things I'd like to ask.

As the 1/23 *Sentinel* reports it: *"Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg strongly criticized (NAMBLA). When asked by a KRON reporter if the organization was a gay organization, she replied, "No. It's an organization of men whose primary purpose is to exploit children. It's an organization of pedophiles... and that's the terminology that's commonly used for adults who sexually exploit children."*

Does Achtenberg think NAMBLA isn't a homosexual group? Is the idea that they are bisexual-rather-than-gay? Not really into "man-boy" love? Or is she saying that pedophiles aren't "gay" even if they're homosexual?

Anyway, what difference does it make? Supposing NAMBLA *were* a gay organization, would they have a right to hold meetings in the library without getting raided by the KRON newspimps? Would the members have privacy rights? The right to be presumed innocent in the absence of evidence of guilt? The right not to be prosecuted for victimless crimes? The right to pursuit of happiness?

It's natural to suspect that if a group defends a certain illegal practice and advocates its legalization, then its members must all be current violators of the

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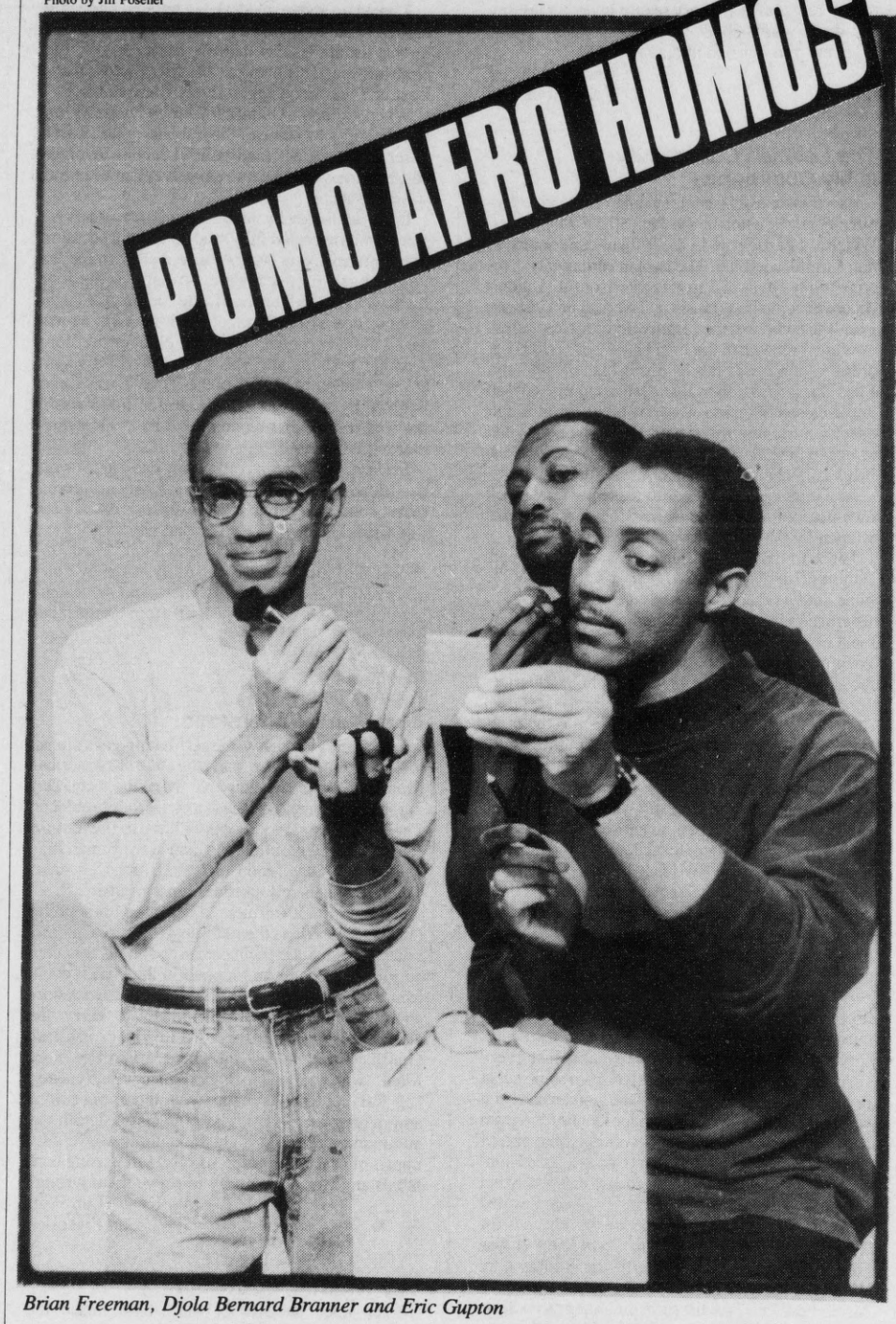

Brian Freeman, Djola Bernard Branner and Eric Gupton

On a Tuesday afternoon in a barren rehearsal hall located in the Center for African & African American Art & Culture, Djola Bernard Branner, Eric Gupton and Brian Freeman, known collectively as Pomo Afro Homos, are putting the finishing touches on *Dark Fruit*, the follow-up to their critically acclaimed production of *Fierce Love: Stories From Black Gay Life*.

In a little over 24 hours, *Dark Fruit* is scheduled to begin the first of a four-week run at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint in San Francisco, but for now the troupe, along with director Susan Fink, are making last minute script changes and character adjustments.

While the Wednesday, Feb. 12, opening will be the first time the show will be seen on the West Coast, part of the production was previewed last year while the group was on tour with *Fierce Love*, says Freeman.

"Last summer, when we were doing the show at Josie's, George C. Wolfe, author of the *Colored Museum*, flew out to see us. He had heard about us and invited us to come to a festival he was producing titled 'Moving Beyond the Madness' at the Public Theatre in New York," says Freeman.

"When we told him we were already booked at a theatre workshop in New York for two weeks he said, 'Well, give me a new show,' " continues Freeman. "So we said, 'OK,' but we told him it was going to be rough, [and] he said that would be fine. We did the first performance of *Dark Fruit* at the Public Theatre."

Freeman sums up the group's meteoric first year: "In January of 1991 we had first come together to do *Fierce Love*." By the end of the year, Pomo Afro Homos "were at one of the preeminent theatres in the country."

FINDING INTIMACY

The group stresses that while *Dark Fruit*, like *Fierce Love*, are stories for, by and about Black gay men, it is not "Fierce Love 2."

"The stories are about finding intimacy," says Branner. "The stories are longer than those in *Fierce Love*, and we get to stay with the characters longer."

"Every piece in the show is about relationships," continues Freeman. "Family relationships, Black/white relationships, Black lover relationships and community relationships." The first piece is called "Black and Gay, A Psycho Sex Study." Says Freeman, "I had found this pulp porn novel that is written in a psuedo scientific style and pretends to be an examination of Negro homosexuality.

"It also pretends to be an analysis of interracial relationships, but from the white perspective," continues Freeman. "The book was written for white men who are into Black men. We use it to send up a lot of stereotypes that people have. It's from the '60s, and we stage it in a very '60s style with '60s music. The characters tend to be a cartoon."

Another story titled "Sweet Sadie" is an autobiographical piece written by Branner. "It deals with many emotional facets of my life," says Branner. "It's about my relationship with my mother. It looks at my childhood and emotional abuse. It looks at having a relationship in which love and disdain coexist. The one night we previewed the show in New York, people came up to me and said, 'That's my story,' or, 'I really relate to that.' "

The climax of the production, and sure to be one of the more controversial stories, deals with a series of letters addressed to various people and institutions. Included are letters to Magic Johnson: "Girlfriend, we tried abstinence and it don't work"; the AIDS organization Shanti Project: "Please don't send some white queen to hold my hand"; and a letter to Black gays who consider themselves "Afrocentric":

Titled "Dear Afrocentric," one line reads, "Your Kinte cloth will not cover your wounds." It plunges headfirst into the controversy around the issue of afrocentricity, an ideology originally popular among Black heterosexuals but increasingly being adopted by Black gays. Many Black heterosexuals feel if one is gay one cannot be afrocentric. Some Black gays feel if one has a white lover, one cannot be truly afrocentric.

"To be afrocentric is to be centered in African-based culture, whether gay, straight or wavy," says Branner. "What the letter addresses are Black gay men who feel that to be afrocentric is the only way to be Black and a part of the Black gay community. They say Blacks with white lovers are not a part of the Black community. That letter is a response to that attitude."

What won't be found in the new production are the effeminate gay characters in *Fierce Love* that were reminiscent of Blaine and Antoine of "In Living Color." However, the members of the group generally feel the ongoing controversy about the characters is overblown.

"I thought the 'In Living Color' halftime show was amusing," says Branner. "It's in keeping with the tradition that 'In Living Color' has established in portraying gay characters. I'm not terribly offended by the characters like a lot of people I know. I take television's portrayal of any gay character with a grain of salt. However, these are straight men portraying 'our people' in a sense. So its like white characters in blackface all over again."

"Black gay effeminate men do exist," says Gupton. "That's what part of our version of Blaine and Antoine is about. It's about the scope, breadth and power of Black gay men throughout this country."

While *Dark Fruit* is a "collaborative effort," the group did not sit down and write the stories together. Some are autobiographical while others are commentary.

"We each write our own stories," says Gupton. "Then we read for each other and get criticism."

One major difference between the productions of *Fierce Love* and *Dark Fruit* is "direction." While Freeman directed *Fierce Love*, for *Dark Fruit* the group brought in an outside director. He was asked if it was difficult giving up that power.

"It's always difficult giving up power," he responded. "The director within me keeps wanting to leap out, but I felt I needed to be a part of the ensemble this time. It's difficult to be a director, actor and writer at the same time. However, we still talk about the overall scope of the show."

"In addition, Susan is an excellent director," says Gupton. "I have a lot of respect for her talent."

Susan Fink, who works with the Alice B. Theatre in Seattle, Wash., has been working on *Dark Fruit* with the troupe since last summer when she performed what she calls her "one week wonder." That was the amount of time she had to rehearse the material before it was performed at the New York Shakespeare Festival. As a white lesbian, Fink says she had no problem relating to the material, though there were times she didn't understand some of the vocabulary.

"I saw *Fierce Love* about ten times before I started working with them, so I didn't have to learn a lot. I could just sit in the audience and go, 'So that's what a snowstorm is,' and I just caught on.

"In the studio they are very hungry for an outside eye, so we didn't spend any time talking about whether I should be saying what I'm saying or offering what I'm offering."

However, it was during social moments that she says she felt somewhat out of place. "After the performances in New York, we would go out with people who had come to see the show. That's when it got interesting, and I would pull back a little and ask, 'What am I doing in this bar with all these Black gay men?' However, it enriched my experience and made me come to the rehearsals with a richer sense of life."

LOOKING DEEPER

After the critical success of *Fierce Love*, the group was asked if they felt any pressure to produce a follow-up that would be a hit.

"Subconsciously, there probably was," says Gupton. "But you get into problems thinking if it's going to be better than the last show. I think it's fair to say some people will like it a lot more and some people won't. Our focus now is to try to work these stories the best way we know how."

"Actually some people like *Dark Fruit* better than *Fierce Love*," adds Freeman. "It's like doing your second novel. *Fierce Love* had been building in us for years, and doing it was the opportunity to get it out. It was a signifying show. It was very quick. It was very light. It was very funny. For *Dark Fruit*, we had to look a lot deeper."

"It's more difficult emotionally to perform than *Fierce Love*," says Branner. "This has more dimensions. Plus it was difficult, because we were touring with *Fierce Love* when we were working on *Dark Fruit*."

For the moment, the troupe says *Dark Fruit* will be "a work in progress."

"The show we are doing at the beginning of the run will be very different from the show we do at the end of the run," says Freeman. "*Fierce Love* went through many versions before we got to the version we do now. We keep working on it. Also, we need to hear from the community, and the only way to do that is to put it out there."

Because of the easy familiarity and camaraderie that goes on among them, one could get the impression they had been lifelong friends. However, that is not the case.

"Our friendship is quite new, and the working relationship is quite new," says Gupton. "I had worked with Djola as principal dancer in his dance company. Brian saw me perform one day and expressed an interest in working on a production at a later date. Brian called Djola and Djola called me, and that's how the three of us got together.

"We've known each other for a year now," continues Gupton, "and we can sift through what might be personal to get at what's best for the show. I can say something's fucked up, but the guys know it's not personal and I'm only dealing with the artistic merits of a piece. Also, we're good at listening and doing; that means we have less 'scenes.' "

And how did they come up with the unusual name of Pomo Afro Homos?

"We actually got it from Brian's lover/boyfriend/partner Kobena Mercer, who's an art historian," says Gupton.

"After seeing us, he said, 'You guys are really Pomo Afro Homos,' " said Freeman. "I asked, 'What is that?' He said, 'Post Modern African American Homosexuals.' I laughed, but thought it was kind of catchy. I mentioned it to Eric and Djola, and it stuck."

Pomo Afro Homos says the one thing they noticed on their travels with *Fierce Love* was the almost universally positive response they received from Black gay men to their work.

"No matter where we went, from Mendocino to Los Angeles to Portland to Boston, there seemed to be a general enthusiasm from people to hear these stories," says Gupton. "It's been so long since we have been able to see reflections of ourselves on stage."

"We're sort of groundbreaking," adds Freeman. "It's not like there's been a lot of Black gay theatre troupes. A lot of the work we have to do is convincing Black gay and lesbian communities that there is something out there for them, that the quality is high and that they're going to have fun."

Nat'l Black Gay/Lesbian Leadership Conf. Convenes in Oakland

BY SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Oakland will be the center of Black gay political activity this weekend as hundreds of Black gay men and lesbians from around the nation come together for the fifth annual Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum and the first annual National Cultural Gathering and Retreat sponsored by the Black Men's Xchange.

The Black gay and lesbian conference opens today, Feb. 13, with an AIDS Institute and runs through Monday, Feb. 17. The annual conference has grown increasingly popular among Black gays. Last year's event in Los Angeles attracted nearly 600 men and women. However, considering the country's current economic state, Phill Wilson, co-chair of BGLLF, was asked if he expected the recession to have an impact on attendance.

"At the moment we are ahead of schedule," he said. "Approximately 280 people have preregistered. However, people waited longer than usual to pre-register this year and air fares didn't go down. So it is a possibility the recession could affect turnout. Many people show up during walk-in registration that we had no idea were coming. That's when we will see if the recession is going to affect us. We are expecting 700 to attend."

In addition to workshops, cultural events and strategy planning sessions, the speakers scheduled to address the gathering include Linda Villarosa, senior editor of *Essence Magazine*, Hon. Sherrie Harris, the first openly lesbian Black elected official and Dr. Tim Moragne, president of the Association of Black Psychologists.

There has been one major change in the conference location. It was originally planned to be held at Oakland's Clarion Hotel but the conference will now convene at the Hilton Hotel at Oakland Airport.

A separate Black gay event scheduled for the same weekend is the Black Men's Xchange "National Cultural Gathering and Retreat." According to founder and organizer Cleo Manago, BMX was formed in August 1989 in Los Angeles and now has chapters in several cities around the country, including Denver, Philadelphia and Minneapolis.

While BMX has had retreats and gatherings before, they were open to members only. This is the first time they will invite the general public. Scheduled events include a forum titled, "A Celebration of Life—African Americans Living in the Age of AIDS" and "A Black Men's & Women's Xchange." One of the featured speakers will be Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris. Except for a fundraising dance, all events scheduled with the BMX Gathering are free of charge.

However, the timing of the BMX Gathering has sparked a small controversy among some Black gay men and lesbians. All of the events planned for the BMX Cultural Gathering overlap events at the BGLLF conference. Those who may be interested in both events will have to make a clear choice about attending one or the other. It's a choice that some Black gays say they should not have to make.

Manago, who expresses an "Africentric" philosophy, has been publicly critical of BGLLF because of the organization's roots in Black and White Men Together. Some in the Black gay community feel that the scheduling of BMX's Cultural Gathering is a deliberate attempt to undermine BGLLF's event. Manago denies that charge and says his personal feelings about BGLLF had nothing to do with BMX's planning.

"This is not a reaction to them," he says. "We're just doing what we're doing around the same time. If people only have one option and they don't like that option then they're stuck. We're just providing another option. People have been calling us all along wanting to know more about BMX. Some people who are coming to that other conference also wanted to meet BMX. Since they were going to be here, we decided to produce a forum for that."

Phill Wilson says he was "surprised and disappointed" when he heard that BMX had scheduled their event for the same time.

"I don't think it's in the best interest of the community," he said. "At the same time the community is diverse. I support and advocate that there be as many different organizations as possible. But they don't have to celebrate at the same time. People have to be held accountable for the messages they are sending out and how those messages are being perceived by whomever they feel is listening. The BGLLF conference will be an exciting event and I'm pleased about the energy and commitment that people have shown in pulling it together. I intend to focus on that."

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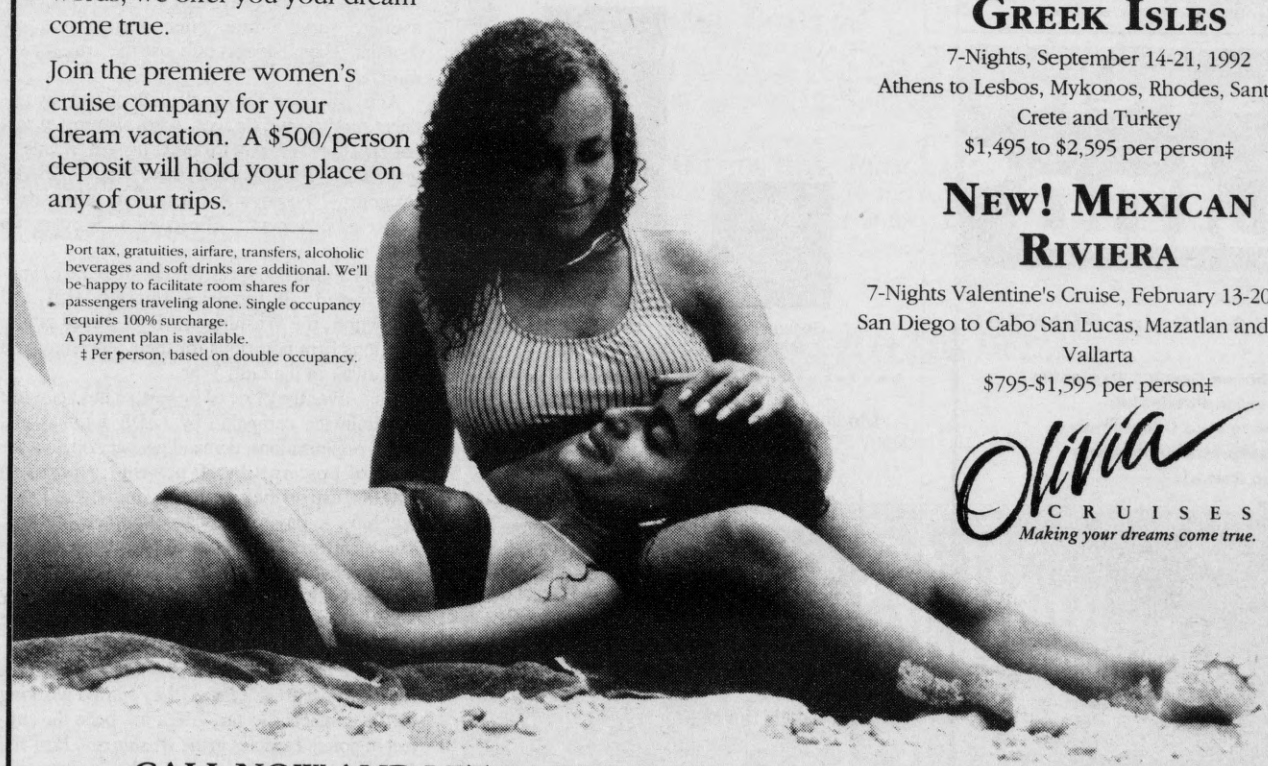

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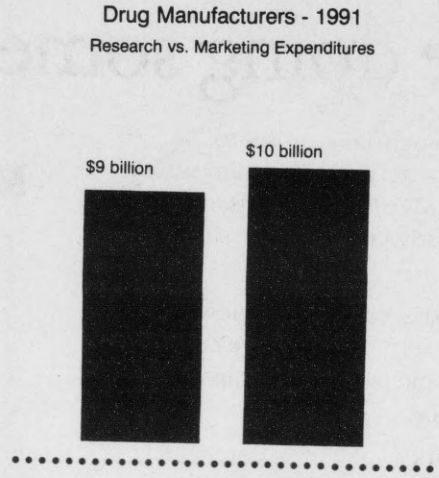

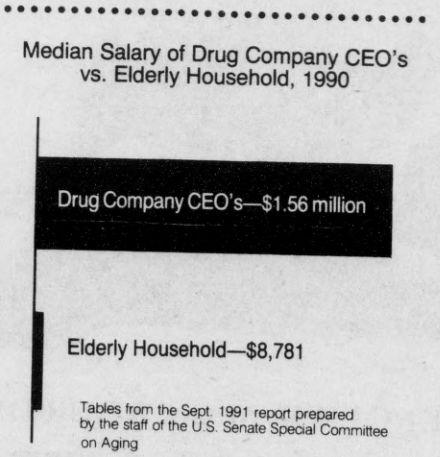
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Astra Gouges People with AIDS: The Battle Over Foscarnet

BY TIM KINGSTON

This is roughly twice what Burroughs Wellcome charged for AZT when it was first approved. Astra argues that the high price is justified, claiming the company has spent over $100 million in research and development. AIDS activists, though, charge the company padded its research costs and is simply gouging PWAs for all they are worth.

"[The price] is outrageously high," snapped Jeff Levi, AIDS Action Council (AAC) director of governmental affairs. "Even based on an assumption of $100 million in development costs, what Astra is asking is to recoup its entire investment in one year. I don't know of any other drug company or private industry where pricing is based on that kind of rapid return!"

Activists and PWA advocates worry the price will put it out of the reach of many patients, either directly, because they can't afford it, or indirectly, through insurance caps and high deductibles. Activists also suspect Foscarnet will cripple Medicare and Medicaid, by draining federal coffers to pay for the drug for uninsured patients.

Astra representatives, however, deny that the company is trying to recoup its expenses in a year. They also deny that the drug costs $21,000 a year per person. Astra asserts Foscarnet only costs half that, because, they say, CMV retinitis patients' average survival-time after diagnosis is six months. Thus, patients only use the drug for six months.

Activists reject those calculations and say patients survive much longer. Astra also argues that patients unable to pay for the drug will be able to get it with the assistance of the company's FAIR Program—"Foscovir Assistance and Information on Reimbursement." (Foscovir is Foscarnet's trade name.)

Astra declined to speak directly to *SF Bay Times* and routed all inquiries through Hill and Knowlton, the Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm notorious for their representation of Kuwait in the Gulf War.

Rage over the price of Foscarnet has spawned a nationwide campaign by AIDS activists and AIDS organizations, demanding that Astra cut the price of Foscarnet by 50 percent, or impose a $10,000 cap on the amount any individual PWA will have to pay for Foscarnet in their lifetime. The effort to force Astra to lower the price is spearheaded by ACT UP/Boston, New York, Golden Gate and San Francisco, as well as New York's Treatment Action Guerrillas (TAG), the AAC, plus a host of other AIDS organizations.

Anger has led to action. When activists got wind of Foscarnet's price, they started working media contacts. So far, Astra has been the subject of pointed articles in the *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*, plus a rather unflattering editorial in the *Post*.

AIDS activists have lobbied Astra incessantly ever since Foscarnet was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Sept. 27, 1991. The company eventually agreed to a series of meetings throughout the United States with AIDS activists that began in November and ended in January. Unfortunately, the negotiations broke off with AIDS activists and advocates who participated describing Astra as the most recalcitrant and uncooperative firm they had ever dealt with.

When it became clear that lobbying efforts with Astra were ineffectual, ACT UP/Boston and TAG decided to play hardball. On Jan. 27 at 7:30 am they struck at Astra's corporate headquarters in Westbourough, Mass. Eight activists chained themselves underneath four rented trucks that blockaded Astra's offices, preventing employees from getting to work for over an hour. In all, 12 activists were arrested under the full glare of CBS evening national news. A *60 Minutes* TV crew was also on hand to tape the activists being nearly crushed as police tried to tow the trucks away with the screaming activists still chained underneath.

The demonstration clearly affected Astra, despite assertions to the contrary from Astra's public relations representatives. That very morning, Astra hand-delivered a letter—pre-dated Jan. 24—to Senator Edward Kennedy's office, pledging the company's support for legislation that will cut the price drug companies charge Medicaid and Medicare by 12.5 percent. Astra also pledged to cut its prices by that amount on all drugs the firm supplies to state and federal AIDS programs. Jan. 27 also saw Astra sending Senator David Pryor a belated reply to the Senator's Dec. 20 request for information about the pricing of Foscarnet.

BETRAYAL AND REBUTTAL

Mark Harrington, of ACT UP/NY and TAG, and one of the dozen arrested at the blockade, is hoping that political pressure from AIDS activists will encourage Astra to lower the price. Harrington charges Astra with mimicking the original pricing strategy of Burroughs Wellcome with AZT. "[Astra] is trying to make as much money as possible. They are in trouble—just the way that Burroughs Wellcome was in trouble when they were under pressure…from Congress, AIDS activists and the media. Burroughs Wellcome was forced to lower their price."

What particularly *enrages* AIDS activists is a sense of betrayal, says Peter Staley, of ACT UP/NY and TAG. "This is a drug that got expedited review process by the FDA because of ongoing pressure from the AIDS activists. Then, when it finally gained marketing approval, they turned around and slapped us in the face, and kneed us in the groin, making it the most expensive drug in the AIDS epidemic."

What particularly *worries* AIDS activists is that Foscarnet's price may set a new all-time high for other drug companies to follow. After AZT was priced at $10,000, pharmaceutical corporations seemed to regard it as a precedent for new AIDS drugs. As a result, activists are determined to stop

$21,000 from becoming the new bench-mark price. "No one has exceeded the $10,000 ceiling since we got Burroughs Wellcome to drop the price of AZT, and that ceiling has held since 1987. We don't want that ceiling broken," says Tonisa Clardy, Project Inform's research director. "[Astra's] price is unacceptable. Period."

Astra denies the price is unfair or that the company is hurriedly trying to retrieve all its investments. "There are only five years left on the [Foscarnet] patent," says Ken Rabin, an executive vice president at Hill and Knowlton. "In that five-year window the company has to make a fair profit, recoup all its investments and all the costs to improve the drug." Rabin argues that Astra's pricing structure is based both on the small market anticipated for the drug and the $100 million Astra contends was spent on research and development prior to FDA approval.

Rabin stresses Astra does not consider that the price of Foscarnet is carved in stone. "Astra has always said that if its projections for the market for [Foscarnet] prove inaccurate, it would indeed lower the price," says Rabin. He adds that Astra intends to review sales data in April with an eye to a price cut or cap, and will hold a meeting with AIDS organizations "to see what course of action might be taken next." But Rabin refused to comment on exactly what criteria the company intends to use to make that decision.

AIDS activists, however, are pressing Astra to drop the price *now*, before the company's reputation gets any worse among PWAs. Tonisa Clardy warns, "The activist community is going to come down on their little screaming heads. AIDS treatment activists will bring pressure to bear, to drop the price. It will be to [Astra's] advantage to do it now rather than wait."

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Astra and AIDS activists disagree fundamentally over the drug's *actual* development costs as well as the size of the market that Foscarnet is likely to seize—both factors are central to the debate over the drug's price and profitability. Astra claims sales will total only $50 million per year at the current price. But Michael Wright, the now deceased director of Project Inform's "Project OI," claimed that Astra's returns are more likely to be in the $150 million range.

Rabin says that Astra's research and development expenses of Foscarnet can be broken down into three stages: first, the initial research expense in Sweden during the 1970s when Astra tried develop the drug as an anti-herpes treatment; second, the cost of clinical testing of the drug for CMV retinitis; and third, the expense of clinical trials in the United States for CMV retinitis plus the cost of providing the drug free to patients on compassionate access. Rabin declined to assign a dollar value to each stage, or give any further breakdown of how the $100 million of research and development monies were spent by Astra.

The high price of the drug is justified, asserts Rabin, by the limited market it will reach—only 4,000 to 5,000 patients. The small number of patients means each individual must pay a high price so the company can recoup its investment. Rabin says the total annual number of CMV retinitis patients in the United States is 12,000, but he argues Astra has to compete with a rival CMV retinitis drug, Gancyclovir, which will result in lower Foscarnet sales. Rabin also contends that while Astra believes its drug is better—with antiviral properties—FDA labeling-restrictions prevent Astra from marketing the drug as an antiviral. Rabin says that this will also reduce Foscarnet's market share.

"We are not talking about what financial analysts would call a blockbuster project, even in the best case," says Rabin. "Merck just brought a drug into the market that is projected to be $2 billion a year; that is a blockbuster. Fifty million a year is not a blockbuster, particularly for a drug that was in development for 15 years."

Activists reject Astra's calculations. "Every one of them is a bald-faced lie," says Staley. Activists charge that Astra has grossly underestimated its potential market by assuming patients treated with Foscarnet live only six months, instead of twelve months, which Project Inform insists is closer to the mark. The Project Inform life-expectancy estimate was buttressed by an Oct. 21 Federal Health and Human Services advisory notice asserting that patients treated with Foscarnet generally survive for one year. This doubles Astra's sales to $100 million annually, by doubling the length of time patients are on the drug.

Wright also argued that Foscarnet is known to have substantive antiviral properties that make it a more effective drug that doctors will prescribe whether it is on or off label. He asserted as a result Foscarnet is likely to capture 50 percent of the market for treating CMV retinitis. Wright also contended the total number of CMV retinitis patients is closer to 15,000 annually; thus, Foscarnet is likely to attract 7,500 patients, resulting in well over $150 million in sales.

Activists also reject Astra's estimate of $100 million in research expenditures. Staley says, "Based on our first-hand knowledge of how much it costs to do clinical trials—with inside information—we would be surprised if they hit $40 million." A source at the National Institutes of Health puts the figure much lower, at around $20 million. The source also agreed with a *Wall Street Journal* estimate that the major portion of Foscarnet clinical trials were paid for by the federal government.

Staley charges that Astra inflated its development figures. He asserts Astra claims to have spent $15 million on its compassionate use program, but Staley says Astra is including unrealized profits on the free Foscarnet supplied to the program, as part of the drug's development costs. "We finally got them to admit they took the amount of drug they gave out free and costed it out at $21,000 a year. Of course, that is not the cost of manufacturing the drug or running the expanded access program!" Staley says he doubts the expanded access program really cost Astra more than $1 million total. Rabin says he does not know how Astra arrived at the $15 million figure.

Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, acknowledges it is normal procedure for drug companies to consolidate *all* research expenditures into the price of a newly approved drug—as Astra has with Foscarnet's research and development costs since 1970. "But," says Delaney, "This is where the lie is, because they have been marketing the drug in Europe for herpes. This is where the bullshit meter goes off the peg. In effect, they are trying to collect twice on this and hope we won't notice."

Rabin, however, contends the European market is small and has not brought Astra substantial revenues, leaving the American market to pay development costs.

Finding any permanent record of what the development of Foscarnet really cost Astra will be futile, unless Astra opens its books for inspection. Delaney says, "My position all along has been that I won't argue these figures; I don't trust their ability to come forward with these figures."

CONGRESSIONAL CHARGES, FEDERAL INTERVENTION?

If Senator David Pryor has his way, some of the questions about Foscarnet may start to get answered. On Dec. 20, Senator Pryor, chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, sent Astra a letter requesting the following: a full and complete breakdown of research and development costs, what government-funded studies were used by Astra to gain FDA approval, precisely how Astra intended on adjusting the price of Foscarnet if the market size changes, and how much the drug costs in other countries.

Senator Pryor also intends to hold hearings on the issue of drug pricing this spring. It is likely that Astra will be invited to explain the price of Foscarnet. A staffer on the special committee says, "We would say this is an example of a company that is pricing unfairly, especially to a population that can least afford it and is desperate for a cure or treatment for HIV and related illnesses." He adds, "[If] this drug was developed with federal research dollars, how can you even begin to justify this price?"

Rabin says Astra sent a reply to Pryor's office Jan. 27. Instead of answering Pryor's questions, though, Astra's response suggested a private meeting. But, as of Feb. 5, Pryor's office had not received Astra's reply.

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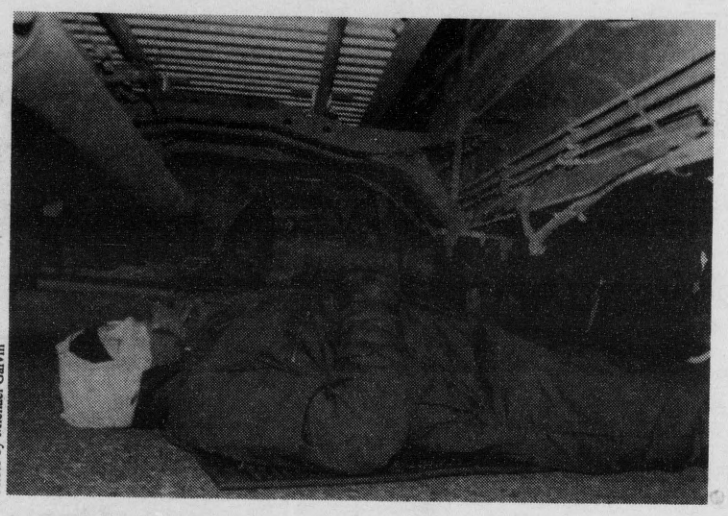
Senator Pryor's interest in the price of Foscarnet mirrors the fears of many activists: Who will pay? For many PWAs it is federal and state Medicaid and Medicare programs that will foot the bill. This prospect terrifies Mark Harrington: "The current pricing of Astra is going to bankrupt state AIDS drug-assistance programs. Those programs will have to decide whether to stop providing Foscarnet or ten other AIDS drugs, meaning that people will be unable to get their drugs and they will die."

On Dec. 12 the AIDS Action Council requested that Astra submit to an independent General Accounting Office audit of Foscarnet's price. Not surprisingly, AAC still awaits a reply. Pryor's staffer, however, suggests the AAC not give up hope, because in at least one instance the Health Care Financing Agency (HCFA) that manages Medicaid and Medicare has investigated a drug company. When Amgen Inc. gained approval for Erythropoietin, a drug to stimulate red blood cells production, HCFA audited Amgen's books to set federal reimbursement rates. (Amgen flatly denys they opened their books to HCFA, but did acknowledge they gave HCFA publicly available data.)

Senator Pryor's interest in drug pricing is hitting pay dirt. The skyrocketing cost of health care and treatment is suddenly a very topical political issue, and even President Bush felt compelled to offer his own pallid collection of health care "reforms." The spotlight is on health care, and the pharmaceutical industry is squirming. Drug companies are uncomfortably aware that the profits of the top ten pharmaceutical firms in 1991 run at 15.5 percent, while that of all other industries put together is only 4.9 percent.

In the current context, Astra's introduction of the most expensive AIDS treatment yet is the political equivalent of pasting a "Kick Me" sign on their back. In contrast, other major drug companies are skittering to offer discounts and voluntary price freezes to stave off federal regulations. Eli Lilly & Company recently cut the price of insulin. Bristol-Myers introduced ddI at a relatively reasonable $2,000-a-year retail, and is spreading out the research and development prices over time. Merck & Company is holding all its drug-price increases below the inflation rate. Merck also says it will guarantee the lowest possible price to state Medicaid programs for Merck drugs.



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TAG member Barbara Hughs handcuffed herself under a truck in an effort to thwart police attempts to remove the Astra blockade.

Carisa Cunningham, AIDS Action Coalition director of communications, says publicity makes the industry nervous. "Pharmaceutical companies are responsive to *very* public pressure.... The other thing particularly in [the Astra] experience is that we may have people in the pharmaceutical companies on our side. The price is so high that it is inviting a level of scrutiny that many other drug companies are unhappy with."

MOTIVATION: GREED OR NECESSITY?

Overall opinion is divided about Astra, but the company has an abysmal reputation with AIDS activists. "Astra has never cooperated once," declares Stephen Skuce, a member ACT UP/Boston, who says his group has been at odds with the company for years. "They are paragons at refusing to cooperate. They are an incredibly arrogant corporation."

As far back as late 1988, Delaney says it took a tremendous struggle to get access to Foscarnet for patients not enrolled in Astra clinical trials. Their refusal to provide compassionate use access to the drug inspired AIDS activist Terry Sutton to organize the infamous January 1989 blockade of the Golden Gate Bridge. Delaney says that "there are some in the company who are trying to do right, but whoever the old forces of darkness are, they are still there." Activists say the company does respond, but only after great pressure is applied.

While the company's financial and information assistance program—"F.A.I.R."—is considered a model program by all, AIDS activists say it was introduced only after two years of campaigning by ACT UP/Boston. Raymond Schmidt of ACT UP/Boston, says it took a series of protests, including vigils outside the home of Astra's CEO, to get the program in place, adding bitterly, "Terry Sutton died waiting for that drug."

In contrast to the opponents of Astra's pricing policy, Dr. Fred Ussery III, in Houston, says the cost is reasonable and asserts that Astra is getting the shaft unfairly. Dr. Ussery is one of the first physicians in the United States to use Foscarnet to treat patients with CMV retinitis. He stresses that Astra did opt to develop the drug in the United States at the behest of a number of physicians "even though that market did not appear to be very large." He also points out that, in his experience, Astra has always made the drug available to those who need it. He adds, activists are shooting themselves in the foot by going after Astra. "If they keep making a lot of racket about cost, companies like Astra will be disabused from proceeding down the path of [AIDS] drug development."

Stock market analysts contacted by *SF Bay Times* also had nothing but praise for Astra, saying that the company is a highly respected and responsible research-intensive Swedish pharmaceutical firm. "They are good people," declared Sam Isaley, of Mayta and Isaley, a New York-based investment firm. "Maybe they did not pay enough attention to what happened with Burroughs Wellcome. They are both white knight companies, but they have gotten themselves in the pharma-political hotseat."

Isaley says he has discussed the controversy with Astra's chief of external affairs. "This is a company that is only now emerging in the United States. In my opinion, they cannot really risk a damaging issue during their implantation. They are attentive to the political nature of the drug."

Peter Staley, a former stock analyst, charges that what is really going on is that Astra's American subsidiary is being pushed by the Swedish parent to come up with profits, immediately. "The U.S. subsidiary is new. It has a large research and development budget, and until Foscarnet's approval it had no drugs.... They have one drug, and with that one drug they are going to go into the black and balance their books to please the parent company."

Rabin says he has never heard that accusation and says the decision to develop and market Foscarnet was a decision taken by the U.S. subsidiary alone. Isaley says that while Astra's U.S. subsidiary is "probably losing money," that does not mean it is under pressure from its parent company. Astra has two ventures in this country: one is Astra Pharmaceuticals, and the other is a joint marketing endeavor with Merck. Isaley says that "total [Astra] profitability in the United States is more dependent on the joint venture with Merck" than the Westbourough-based Astra.

Whatever the reasons for the price, Delaney stresses it must be remembered that Astra is a business, and it "should not be a surprise" that the primary activity of a business is to make as much money as possible. Delaney says Foscarnet is a highly toxic drug with severe kidney complications, and sooner or later another drug will arrive that is as effective, and less toxic. He adds, "They want to milk it for all it is worth. That does not make them greedy bastards; they are businessmen. They are not in it for the same reasons we are. The challenge for any pharmaceutical business is to find a workable compromise between business interests and the public interest. Astra has not figured that out yet."

Delaney asserts, "If they cannot figure out a way to make a reasonable profit in a way that is not unfair to the patients, insurers and government, they are not doing their job as businessmen. Maybe they should turn over the job to someone who knows what they are doing—and maybe make batteries."

Steve Morin, special aide to Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF), goes a step further and argues tight regulation is the only way the drug companies will ever truly figure that out. "There is no control over pricing. Without a national health care budgeting process, the cost of health care cannot be solved.... If we had a national health insurance program, the companies would have to set the rates with a board, and [then] it would be possible to control price gouging."

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THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Ein Klein Nacht Dipshit

Being partial to the more prosaic Hanes, Jockeys and BVDs, I'm in the minority of gay underwear lovers: Calvin Klein briefs and boxers have become institutionalized icons of skivvy fabulousness. Tousled, gym-buffed porn boys model them on video covers; tousled, gym-buffed gay boys sport them at underwear parties; baseball-capped, gym-buffed rappers flash them in photog Bruce Weber's Feb. *Interview* layout.

And humpy models paraded them for the finale of Klein's New York fashion show two weeks back. *New York Times* fashion reporter Woody Hoschwender noted Feb. 4 that, in response to "the ballet of lumbering hunks," some "women in the audience were in stitches, although Madonna didn't raise a plucked eyebrow. Many of the men seemed slightly embarrassed. The models seemed terrifically abashed." All of which—save Madonna's blase response—seems odd: most women see men in underwear, right? And men—most men—*wear* underwear. So why the embarrassment?

Professor Hoschwender: "Men, even heavenly men, are not meant to be seen in their underwear. Or are they?" Hoschwender didn't detail his credentials for judging the models' "heavenly"-ness, nor did he answer his curiously oblique question. But, he added, "After countless female models have traipsed down innumerable runways wearing next to nothing, a few guys in briefs should not attract much attention. But perhaps that's just it: In this culture, presenting men as objects is a perceptual shock."

"PERHAPS THE BEST," IF THE "STRAIGHTEST"

Although—or perhaps *because*—he writes for the *NY Times*, Hoschwender belabored the obvious while missing the point: last decade, Calvin Klein single-handedly ushered in the objectification of male beauty as a commercial commodity. In other words, he sold one gay male agenda—hunk-worship—to straights.

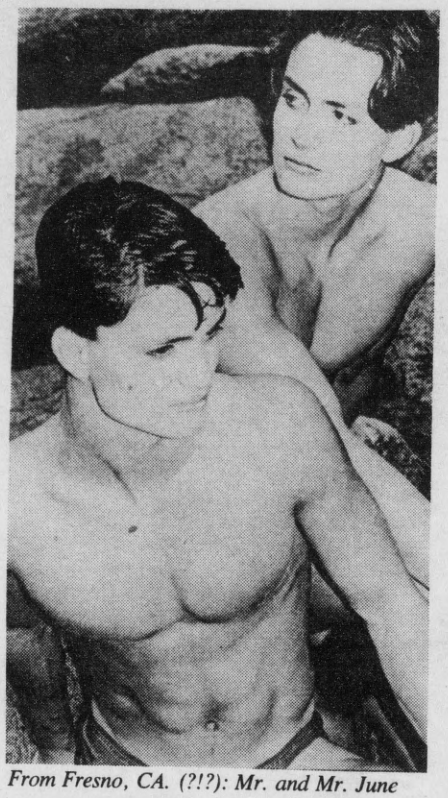
In Klein's boundary-smashing ads for briefs, fragrances and jeans, beefcake augmented cheesecake and nudity became a *de rigeur* selling tool. The quintessentially '80s combination of Calvin Klein's fashion designs (Hoschwender nails it: "Mr. Klein is a terrific underwear designer. Perhaps the best") and Bruce Weber's photographic sensibility revolutionized the straight public's—and the media's—perceptions of male eroticism, and set the stage for everything from copycat ads by Guess? and Jordache (among the many) to muscle hunks flapping their pecs and rapping on MTV.

Gay men are no strangers to Klein products—especially the briefs. And Klein himself, from all reports, was no stranger to gay men during the "freewheeling" '70s and '80s. But perhaps sniffing changes in the wind, and reacting to his company's shifting financial fortunes, in the middle-late '80s Klein married model Kelly Rector. It was a union consummated with a gurgling *Vanity Fair* cover story and snickered at bicoastally by knowing queers.

Klein maintains the charade today. In an interview before the designer's recent SF visit, *Chron* fashion reporter Trish Donnally noted that his "all-American good looks appeal to both men and women," and asked Klein about "rumors." Said he: "I'm not gay." Donnally next called Klein on his contention that a shot of two bedded hunks in a recent Klein ad promotes safe sex. His response: "I think we've reached the end of our interview."

FROM FRESNO, ANNUAL SLABS OF INDETERMINATE AGE

The objectification of (mostly straight) male beauty as a commercial commodity is given a pleasing spin in the 1992 Men of Cal State Fresno calendar. The 12-month ballet of lumbering frat hunks and theater arts dudes make the tousled, gym-buffed pinheads on gay-slanted calenders look like...well, like tousled, gym-buffed pinheads.



From Fresno, CA. (?!?): Mr. and Mr. June

Two strapping lads, a drizzle and, for a change, underwear.

Like all male-sensuality-oriented art, the calendar encountered controversy last fall, when CSF Library Dean Michael Gordon yanked an exhibit of the calendar's pix from the library. He told the Nov. 20 Fresno *Daily Collegian* it looked like a "*Playgirl*" spread. (Perhaps he thought that men, even heavenly men, aren't meant to be seen in their underwear.)

"I thought, where did *he* see *Playgirl*," calendar publisher Peter Robertson, 26 (or 28—but he says he looks younger), laughed in a recent interview. "I think the administration showed a little homophobia and heterosexism. I mean, if I'd wanted to show dicks with hard-ons, I could have. But I'm using the school's name, so there's a lot of red tape." To grease the wheels, Robertson and photog partner Tally Duke Floyd donate a dollar from each calendar to a student scholarship fund.

The Calendar includes Brandon Massey (November), a Business Major with 501s unbuttoned to reveal—yes—Calvin briefs; the pornographically named Skip Longfellow (January), a pensive piece in boxers; and identical twins Breck and Roger Jacobs (Mr. and Mr. June), astonishing subjects who kindle all sorts of narcissistic fantasies. "That's a very homoerotic picture, isn't it?" Robertson, possibly 27, enthused. "That's one of my favorites; I'm a Gemini. It was taken outside in the rain, and they were wearing little itty bitty Calvin Klein underwear, and they were all wet—it was all I could do not to...it was *wonderful*!"

Robertson, who is 26, or 28, or 27, depending on his mood ("Say I'm 27, and I'll send you a calendar! Please? God, I'm a *wreck*. I give a good interview, then when it comes to giving the right age, I fuck up!"), acknowledges that the text accompanying each model's vital stats ("I like a woman...with everything in proportion"; "I like a woman...intelligent, self-sufficient and sincere") is slightly embarrassing, especially given at least one model's proclivities. "I'm not into outing, but one of the models I know of is gay," said Robertson, 26 (or 28). "Is that important? I don't know. I wasn't doing it as a gay thing. I'm gay, but I didn't make that an issue. And come on—this is *Fresno*."

I think we've reached the end of our interview. (For more info, or to learn Robertson's real age, phone 209/278-2078.)

GREASY HAIR, KITCHEN HEAD: A FORMER SUPE'S NIGHTMARE

Waiters wearing earrings? Cooks with shaved heads? Pierced buspersons? Come on—this is *San Francisco*!

We are so sartorially kooky (if preciously so), that SF Supervisor Carole Migden recently wondered out loud if this city is ready for a non-discriminatory dress code, like the one under consideration by the Santa Cruz City Council.

Torri Minton's Jan. 27 *Chron* "People" piece on the non-controversy says Migden was responding, in part, to a gay waiter told to stop sporting a small earring. Minton also quotes a 44-year-old man with a buzz cut—the same he's had since an Army stint 20 years ago—who felt that, in a recent interview for a job he did not get, "I was discriminated against because of my hair."

For a mature counterpoint, Minton turns to former Supervisor and mayoral candidate John Barbagelata. After raising the specter of employees showing up with "their socks hanging down, their jock strap loose or their bra hanging out," the Barbster rants: "God gave us parents, and parents are supposed to lead us. God gave us bosses, and bosses are supposed to lead us." What if his waiter wore an earring? "I would get out of the restaurant. Just as much as if the waiter had greasy black hair dripping down his neck.... It implies that a person has certain habits that I don't like."

Let's see... Fashion problem: greasy hair. Habit Barbagelata apparently doesn't like: poor shampoo usage. Fashion problem: earring. Habit Barbagelata apparently doesn't like: um...being gay? Does he think the waiter is fistfucking the cook (and forgetting to wash up)? Blowing the busboy (and forgetting to rinse)? Or is Barbagelata just a homophobic moron? Hmmm: tough call.

VAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

News item: party cannibal Jeffrey L. Dahmer, the pied piper with the drill and the battery acid, used the downer Halcion to sedate his mostly African American and gay victims.

News item: President Bush ingested Halcion to fight jet-lag-induced insomnia on his recent, disastrous Japan trip, and acknowleged he's long used the sedative.

News item: Upjohn, maker of Halcion, recently denied accusations that it both falsified scientific evidence regarding the sleeping pill's safety and neglected to report the drug's negative side-effects, which include mood swings and paranoia.

CLOSE-UP OF SANDY-HAIRED, THIRTYSOMETHING, VACANT-EYED MAN: "Hi. I'm Jeffrey Dahmer. You know, when I want to ensure that the boys I meet will have a deep, peaceful sleep—the kind that lasts unto eternity—I give them Halcion. Why? *Because it's a fucking drag when they wake up and start screaming all the time, that's why!*"

CLOSE-UP OF THIN-HAIRED, SIXTYSOMETHING, BEADY-EYED MAN: "Hi. George Bush here. Heh. Y'know, sometimes, gotta get sleep. Japan, the Prime Minister, a little barf—not gonna do it. Like Jeff there—good fella, handy with the Black & Decker, somethin' Bar gettin' after me to do 'round the house, little bit a' Mr. Fixit there...like that Dahmer, I've killed some, okay, okay, lots of the gays too. No drills, though. *No drills*. Just negligence. It's that AIDS, doin' what I can. But ya know, hard ta sleep. *Hard. Ta. Sleep*. The conscience thing, kinda gets t'ya. Moans in the night, all that. So I turn ta—doc prescribes good ol' Halcion, an' forty winks ahoy. A little barf kinda goin' on, but no more moans. Bar says go with wash 'n' wear. Incidentally—recession. Kinda goofed. Was sayin' to the Sullivan fella the other day...."

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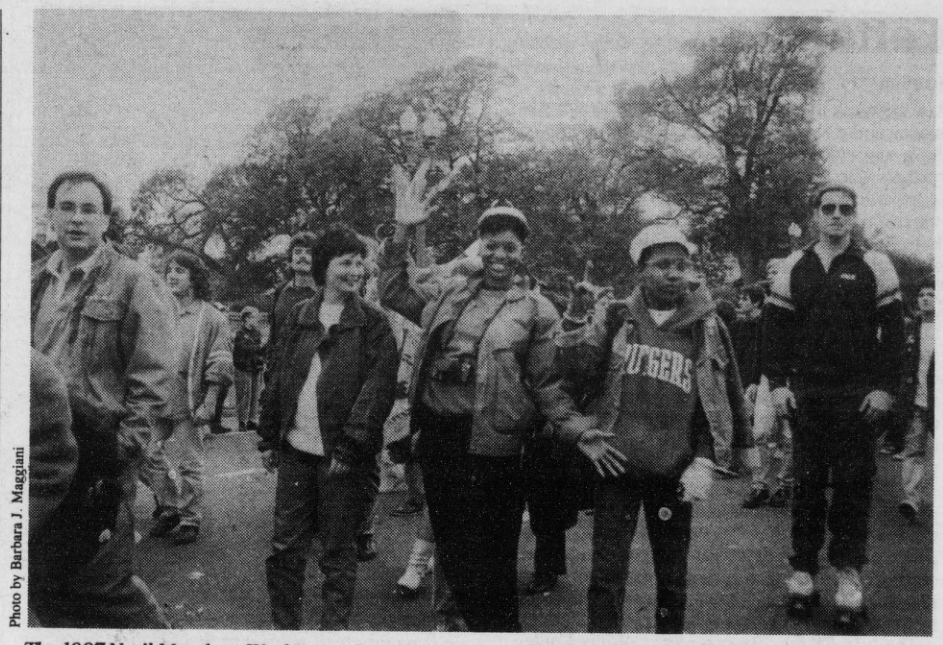
Setting the Stage for the Next Nat'l March on Washington

BY VAL C. PHOENIX



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The 1987 Nat'l March on Washington brought out hundreds of thousands of queers from all over the U.S.

Following on the 1987 march for lesbian and gay rights, organizing for the next march on Washington is slowly coming together, though not for lack of conflict and controversy. The most recent debate involved the inclusion of bisexuals and transgenders in the march's mandate. A meeting on Feb. 2 of San Francisco activists recounted the national meeting held in Los Angeles in January, and laid plans for organizing efforts in the Bay Area.

The march's official title is now "1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation." It didn't come without a fight, though. Activists met in Los Angeles Jan. 18 and 19 to decide on the official name and begin staffing the organizing committees. They ended up haggling over the title, as well as other details of the structure. Says Autumn Courtney of the march's bisexual caucus, "It was bloody."

The march committee has had three national meetings so far, with the next one to be held in Dallas May 9 and 10. So far, a basic structure has been adopted consisting of representation for 16 geographical regions of the United States, among them Northern California, as well as a parallel track of constituency groups, such as bisexuals, students and leather people. All delegations and committees must meet parity requirements consisting of 50 percent women and at least 50 percent people of color.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? THE BATTLE IN LOS ANGELES

Armed with a list of demands that included advocacy for bisexuals and transgendered people, Northern California's contingent, numbering between 20 and 30, arrived in L.A for the Jan. 18 meeting. Of these, four were voting delegates—Lani Kaahumanu, Karl Knapper, Nancy Nystrom and Gypsy Tucker—who found themselves sorely tested by the conflict that ensued. The group that met in L.A. included official voting delegates, as well as interested parties, with a host committee that was afraid to impose order. The result, says Knapper, was one big headache. "The process, which was supposed to be modified consensus, wasn't adhered to. Sometimes after trying to achieve consensus five or six times, we'd find out that people who were blocking weren't even empowered to vote."

In the face of conflict, attendees felt the Northern California group held together well. Knapper says the delegates caucused with other people in the region to decide how to vote. Leslie Mullin, a member of the Bay Area working committee, felt the delegation was "very effective," and Kaahumanu says, "We were great."

The operative word in the debates was "inclusion," according to all attendees contacted by *SF Bay Times*. Inclusion of bisexuals, transgenderals, women and people of color were all topics of discussion, whether officially or informally. Knapper feels, "You have to be inclusive, not just for those of us who are acceptable to the straight or the gay community. Otherwise, you lose sight of the fact that the people who started our movement were not clean-cut, wholesome people in sweaters."

For others, inclusivity takes a back seat to political impact. Southern California delegate Robin Tyler feels the key question is "how to get a million people to Washington" and questions the lengthy discussion that accompanies the consensus process. "Consensus is the most undemocratic process, because it makes everybody agree on something. It eliminates dissent. People talk about multiculturalism and preaching about us not being the same, and yet insist on sameness."

Tyler, who worked extensively on the 1987 march, was one of the main operators at the meeting, according to Courtney and Kaahumanu, who charge that she worked behind the scenes to exclude bisexuals from the march. Knapper, too, says that Tyler's behavior was domineering and geared to her personal agenda. "Her behavior reminds me of many people who have reached a certain prominence in our community and think that their words are like the tablet of Moses."

Kaahumanu explained that the voting process eliminated proposed names for the march, narrowing them down to a choice between two. Courtney says, "It was obvious some people were advocating total inclusion in order to split the vote" and drop lesbian/gay/bisexual from consideration. The voting came down to a choice between lesbian/gay and lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender. Kaahumanu says, "Bisexual fell through the cracks. We knew transgender wouldn't fly. The community doesn't have the clout or the visibility."

Despite lobbying publicly for inclusionary names, some delegates, including Tyler, ultimately voted for lesbian/gay rather than the more inclusionary names. "What was so shocking and painful was to see people who'd lobbied for inclusion jumping up and down yelling 'We won!' when bisexual lost," says Kaahumanu.

Tyler denies maneuvering against bisexuals, saying she had no agenda going into the meeting. She says that she voted for inclusivity. "When bisexual was voted down, I had voted for everything. Personally, I think to be inclusive, we have to be all-inclusive or we're fooling ourselves that we're progressive. I didn't think like this in '87, but I've grown since then."

The objections raised to bisexual, says Knapper, ranged from "bisexual rights are included in lesbian/gay rights" to "what is the straight community going to think?" One problem, says Kaahumanu, is that some organizers are working with a false sense of history. "People said, 'We want to keep it the way it's always been—lesbian and gay.' Well, in 1979, it was gay. In 1987 it was lesbian/gay. Now it's lesbian/gay and bisexual." Tucker agrees that the addition of bisexual is part of "a growth pattern type of thing," but wonders "how long the title will be in the year 2000."

Stung by the vote, the Northern California delegation and bisexual caucus lobbied delegates to support adding bisexual at another vote, even buttonholing attendees at a nighttime disco. One delegate, Pat Hussain of Georgia, said publicly she couldn't take "bisexual" back to the South because of resistance to "sexual." Kaahumanu says, "We asked if they could live with 'bi,' instead of bisexual, and many of them said they could." When yet another vote was taken, "bi" passed. Nystrom says, "It should have been bisexual. 'Bi' is silly. If you empower yourself, you can say whatever you want."

But what of the transgenderals? Princess La Rouge, a Seattle representative of the gender caucus, says that she was disappointed by the vote excluding transgenderals, but that she feels the vote to include bisexuals will "leave the opportunity later on to include transgenderals." La Rouge, a post-operative transsexual lesbian, says she felt that many delegates "weren't representing all the people, but were voting for their own point of view." She offered a tip of the hat to the bisexual caucus, saying, "The transgender community had not gotten out and lobbied. The bisexuals had done organizing to get included."

In the meantime, having been elected as a permanent delegate for her region, La Rouge says she can do education "about what total inclusion is." Her region (Alaska, Guam, Washington, Samoa, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Hawaii) has adopted a resolution to include bisexual and transgenderals in all literature pertaining to the march, and they hope to persuade other regions to move toward similar policies. Kaahumanu was heartened by the beginnings of coalition worked out beween bisexuals and transgenderals in L.A. "We talked a lot to them, and they supported us. They said they were happy to get the support that they did, and their time would be next time."

Visibility is one problem for transgenderals and

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law they seek to repeal—is this what Achtenberg is saying about NAMBLA? Other than this, does she have any evidence that NAMBLA members are "adults who sexually exploit children"?

In particular, does she have any evidence that they "sexually exploit" children other than by sometimes having consenting sex with minors? Is Achtenberg's theory that *all* sex between adults and minors is by definition exploitative? Are minors incapable of true consent? (If so, are they also too young to consent to an abortion?)

Maybe it's just a matter of degrees. NAMBLA wants to repeal the age-of-consent laws entirely; would Achtenberg be willing to compromise and agree to the age being lowered somewhat? At what age should humans have the right to control their own sex lives? 18? 17? 16? 15?... 3? 2? 1?

From NAMBLA's viewpoint, any kid who is old enough to be *able* to consent (or object), has a *right* to consent (or object). From the child-abusers' viewpoint, it doesn't really matter whether the kid consents. The Puritans also think it doesn't really matter if the kid consents. Does Achtenberg think it matters?

The 1/16 *SF Bay Times* reports: *"Holly Conley of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation...says that although NAMBLA has a First Amendment right to meet, he does not consider the issue to be under GLAAD's domain. '[The Channel 4 report] is clearly a piece of yellow journalism attacking the constitutional rights of this group,' he says. 'But it is not a gay issue. Saying that it is not right to have sex with minors is not defamation...' "*

GLAAD seems to recognize NAMBLA as a gay organization whose constitutional rights are currently

Photo by Jane Cleland

The SF Pool Association honored Rikki Streicher for her outstanding, extensive contributions to the community with entry into their Hall of Fame.

being stomped on by the homophobes (and those who want to profiteer from homophobia). If this "is not a gay issue," can anyone explain why the gay papers have given it so many square feet of coverage?

I assume GLAAD also thinks that prostitutes' rights is not a gay issue, and likewise the rights of people with AIDS or AZT-toxicity to use marijuana against anorexia and wasting syndrome, the right of junkies to clean needles, etc. (After all, most prostitutes aren't gay, most of the world's PWAs aren't gay, most junkies aren't gay, most pedophiles aren't gay...).

And what if it *were* a gay issue? What difference would that make? Suppose the age of consent were lowered to 13 for straight sex but kept at 18 for gay sex? Suppose the law was the same but it was enforced against gay sex more than against straight sex?

Let's get real. I once blew a baby less than a year old. The kid seemed to get a major charge out of it; he wasn't old enough to say the words Yes or No, but he was old enough to know what felt good and to express his feelings by smiling and laughing. Is there any evidence that either he or I was harmed by this? How does it compare, for instance, to female circumcision, that barbaric "ritual" practice of genital mutilation of infants? Or how does it compare to male circumcision, that equally barbaric "religious" practice of genital mutilation of infants? Which is more permanently damaging, to suck a baby's dick, or cut off the end of it?

While children's rights is the question I'm most concerned with, there's another question I'm just doggone curious about. With all the denunciations of NAMBLA, why doesn't anyone ever accuse them of being male-supremacist and discriminating against females? KRON thinks if you don't want TV cameras around, you must have something to hide; many lesbians think if you don't want women around, you must have something to hide. Kids' sexual rights is not especially a "man-boy" question. Not all kids are male; not all pedophiles are male. I'd join NAMBLA myself, if only they'd change their name to KSRS (Kids' Sex Rights Society—pronounced "kissers").

Anonymous

An Insult to the Rest of Us

Thank you for running the Community Forum on NAMBLA (Jan. 30). I'm not sure what saddens me more: seeing the community split, or seeing a significant percentage of us defending sex with children. A brief rejoinder:

The notion (expressed by several readers) that any person or group is to be unquestioningly accepted as members of the community, simply because they declare themselves to be so, is absurd enough; the idea that the rest of us have some sort of sworn duty to defend these self-declared "community members" regardless of their possible criminality is utter nonsense. Does this make Jeffrey Dahmer and John Wayne Gacy members of the community too? Would it be okay for a group of Gay White Supremacists to march in the parade (wanna bet on how far *they'd* get)?

If being opposed to child molesting makes me an "assimilationist," then the value of being anywhere to the left of that is seriously diminished, if not destroyed. The tendency of some of our brothers and sisters to embrace every fringe element in existence simply to demonstrate "inclusivity" and to show how fabulously Po-Mo they are, is an insult to the rest of us who are left stranded in the unglamorous middle. Being progressive or even radical doesn't mean you have to automatically reject *all* conventional morality just to prove your loyalty to the agenda. Thanks again.

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

A Letter to KRON-TV

Your handling of this situation is morally reprehensible. I am writing even though your outlook is so twisted that I severely doubt that any rational thought, however small, which might disagree with your self-righteous vigilante perspective has any chance of being heard.

Child abuse is a horrible thing. I know. I was emotionally, physically and sexually abused throughout my teenage years. I am not an advocate of child abuse. However, I cannot think of a humane, rational purpose this kind of reporting serves. You deny you are inciting a witch hunt, yet:

1. You are downplaying the fact (even though you mention it in passing) that most (close to 90 percent) of the child molestation that occurs to both sexes of children is perpetrated by so-called straight men.

2. Because middle-class, white, so-called straight men believe they are the evolutionary epitome of all history, they are taught to believe that they can have anything they want—money, cars, women, etc., ad nauseum. It is why rape is so hard to prove: Most men believe it is their God-given right. To most men, the term "date rape" is oxymoronic. If she's out on a date with you, you have the right to fuck her.

3. It must seem paradoxical in that societal context, wherein these so-called straight white men can have anything they want, that we draw an arbitrary line and tell them they can't have children (as sex/violence toys). We also tell them they can't have women that way, but glancing at the societal approbation we just gave Clarence Thomas and William Kennedy Smith, that's palpably a joke. (Mr. Thomas wasn't born white, but he's earned the right to act that way.) Actually, if you look at the advertising on Channel 4 and in the rest of the media where the younger you are, the more attractive you are—right down to being a young prepubescent and sexy—child pornography and molestation should surprise no one.

The men in NAMBLA are societal pariahs because they have sex with other males, not because they molest children. If your reporting was fair, you would warn all children of the probability of abuse by their fathers, uncles, and other so-called straight male family friends. You would say, "Occasionally, you should be wary of gay men, but it's more probable that your father or another straight male relative or friend of the family will molest you." That's who does the molesting in this society. Are we ready to start teaching that in kindergarten? It is easier, however, to whip up a frenzy against men who can love men.

We are decades away from having any kind of an analysis to deal with the problem of the sexual abuse of children. We probably first need a loving, caring, sharing and cooperative society where most people are getting their basic emotional needs met. We probably need a place where everyone is making enough money to meet his or her basic necessities. We probably need to stop killing people all over the world and generally glorifying violence.

We need a society that understands that children are *very* sexual. I am certainly not advocating transgenerational sex in this society where dysfunctional families are the overwhelming *norm*, and wherein we have trained most men to be unthinking penis-driven monsters whenever even the inkling of sexuality rears its ugly head.

When we can deal with the fact that women and children need respect and are not toys, then we can begin to stop rape and child abuse (both are the same thing, a combination of sex and violence). You cannot, in this society where women are unequals, have a Miss America pageant and not have rape. You cannot teach men that they can have anything they want, and then tell them they can't have children as sex/violence toys.

You are not in any way helping to solve the very real and very horrible problem of the abuse of children by your self-righteous condemnation of NAMBLA.

Garrett C. D'Aloia
San Francisco

Dysfunctional Perpetuation Of Abuse

Man: An adult male of the human kind. Boy: A male child or youth.

The first question that comes to my mind when I think of NAMBLA is why would an adult want to be sexually intimate with a child? My first response after I don't know, is because of power and control, they're not getting their needs met somewhere else, and they need a lot of therapy.

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Randy Miller and Kerrington Osborne of LGADDA, Sup. Kennedy, Sup. Ward and Jean Harris celebrate Mayor Jordan's signing of the bill that bans the discriminatory practice of triple-carding at bars.

understand it, they want to change the age of consent laws, so it will be legal for them to show their physical love in a sexual manner with boys. I wonder if there is a similar organization for women and girls? Does anyone out there know?

Sleeping with children, even if they do give their consent, is still sexually abusive. It's a fact that children are needy, vulnerable, and dependent upon adults. It's also a fact that adults have more power and more control. There is a difference in the type of consent where coercion, manipulation and covert bribery are involved, and the type of consent between two peers.

I would love to see an interview with any of the men in NAMBLA and see if their relationships with boys they know are equal on any level. Particularly financially. I would also like to find out how many are in therapy and talk about their proclivity with their therapist. And finally, I would like to find out if any of these men had a man/boy "love" relationship when they were children (I would wager, yes).

Finally, changing the age of consent does not make one an adult, nor does it eradicate the sexual abuse, no more so than the Civil Rights Act ended racism, or legalizing drugs will end drug abuse. The real terror starts in our family homes when we're children with overt and covert sexual abuse. NAMBLA is a dysfunctional perpetuation of that spiritual, psychic, emotional and physical abuse.

Simone Oberon
San Francisco

Politics of Exclusion

It is an act of self-defeating factionalism to denounce NAMBLA as "not part of our movement." Many "queers" wish to distance themselves from that organization because of deep feelings of revulsion and ignorant misunderstandings of the group's goals. Letters in the *SF Bay Times* even claim the gains of the gay rights movement purely for straight homos: i.e., those who fit into the Castro orthodoxy, the commodified image of what it is to be "alternative."

It isn't possible to maintain the gains of a liberation movement while shutting out any oppressed group. In the past 20 years, feminism has failed in its greatest goals (ERA, permanent reproductive rights, equal pay) largely because poor women, lesbians and women of color were all but ignored by the "mainstream" feminist movement. In the '80s and '90s, peace and justice groups have come under attack for treating gay issues as secondary. Amnesty International is a good example. Now, the long-ignored, long-oppressed queer nation is starting to get a bit of recognition and respect. And rather predictably, the new queens of the movement, rather than pushing for more expansion of democracy and less oppression, have begun imitating the old, oppressive politics of exclusion.

Mainstream homosexuals are ignoring those who support child sexual activity. "We can't let them ride in on our coattails," cry the leaders. If riding in means becoming just like the homophobes, who wants to ride in?

As I see it, the issue with NAMBLA is not whether they support potentially damaging behaviors toward children: that is a topic for open discussion. It is not a question of whether queers will continue their march toward acceptability by the wider society: that is inevitable. The question with NAMBLA is: will all queers soon be allowed to come out of the closet? Or will homosexuals simply join the mainstream ranks, continuing the multimillenial inquisition against sexual freedom.

Stevie Bodzin
San Francisco

Lower Age of Consent

If it's not too late to get in on all the controversy regarding the NAMBLA debacle, I wish to say my piece in the matter. This is the first time I've written to a gay periodical, but with all the stormy debate I just couldn't sit still.

I do not consider myself a pedophile, and yet I have appreciated physical beauty in men younger than myself. I am 36 years of age and find men 10 years my junior, give or take 7 years, to be most attractive to me. But there are times when I see young men as young as 15-17 years of age who obviously have very active libidos, and I can't deny having an attraction for them. I believe I am not alone in this regard—that there are many men who do not consider themselves pedophiles yet fear that they may be labeled as one by others if such periodic interest were ever recognized.

This situation may be very similar to supposedly straight men who have an attraction to other men, but fearing being labeled a homosexual, lash out hatefully at anyone perceived to represent this mode of sexual expression. In other words there may be an element in NAMBLA-bashing that parallels fag-bashing by homophobes.

Most of the comments I've read on the subject of NAMBLA's recent media exposure is by people who seem impelled to make a statement in an extreme direction, either negative or positive, but mostly the former. However, the negative statements seem excessive in their display of hatred for NAMBLA members. Often their detractors fume—enraged that NAMBLA would dare to assume that they have the right to be an integrated part of the gay community.

I believe that there can be a compromise made in viewing or even settling this matter. It is no more true that all pedophiles believe that the younger the target of their affections the better, than that all healthy homosexuals must seek partners of similar age.

We live in a diverse world, and the fight for diversity rather than total conformity is synonymous with the quest for freedom. This is probably more apparent in our community than just about anywhere else. Part of the reality of diversity is that exceptions exist. NAMBLA is one particularly good example of just such an exception.

The laws attempt to keep these extremes of diversity in check by setting legal restrictions by use of technical boundaries to define right from wrong. But the truly compassionate way to judge another's act is by determining what was in the heart and mind of those whose acts come into question.

On rare occasions I have met young men whom I wanted to take home until I learned that they were underage. I then felt it would be unwise to take the usual next step because it was technically unlawful. But part of me felt guilt afterwards, that I had passed up the opportunity. Because I had only good intentions, to be intimate and loving with someone I truly cared for, I felt as though I had cheated myself and the other person.

Therefore I have come to the conclusion that there is at least one aspect to NAMBLA that is perfectly legitimate. It is that the current law regarding the age of consent is dated, not realistic in this modern era, and in need of revision.

Recent studies have shown that by age 15 or 16 three-fourths of all males have had at least one sexual experience with another person. In many of Europe's most advanced countries, the age of consent is often at this same age period. In this country, however, a man and a woman cannot get married without parental consent until age 18 (with the exception of Georgia where it is 16 years, and in Puerto Rico, where it is 21). With parental consent it varies widely—from 13 for a female and 14 for a male in New Hampshire, to 18 in West Virginia.

I think it would be more important to change the guidelines in California to reflect the realities of the sexual lifestyle of most people of ages 16 and 17 today, than to put down everyone 18 years and older who desires sex with someone less than 18 years of age. We could then release many men from the stigma of being labeled a pedophile or pariahs of gay society or society at large, and embrace them as part of our own community. I think this would only be fair.

People don't magically become sexually aware and responsible when they turn 18. There are no doubt young men of 16 who are wiser sexually than some men twice their age. In terms of our abilities we are not created equal. This goes for sexual development as well.

This issue is about sex, but it is also about something else. It's about love as well—at least that is the emphasis that NAMBLA tries to stress: men who love boys and boys loving the men who love them. "Boy" is perhaps an unfortunate connotation for it more readily conjures up images of dirty old men exploiting pre-pubescent boys. I don't want to give the impression that exploitation doesn't happen sexually. Eighteen to 20-year-old youths are exploited regularly by the pornography industry although some no doubt enthusiastically seek such avenues to attain their own singular stardom. But in that medium the emphasis is on performance for money.

What NAMBLA professes is that the expression of love, the intimate act and companionship, is its own reward. Unfortunately for them it is against the law.

However, let us not forget that legality does not necessarily equal fairness. Sodomy in many states is technically illegal at any age. Should all overt homosexuals be considered pariahs for being true to such an orientation just because one lives in such a state, or does one question the legitimacy of such a law?

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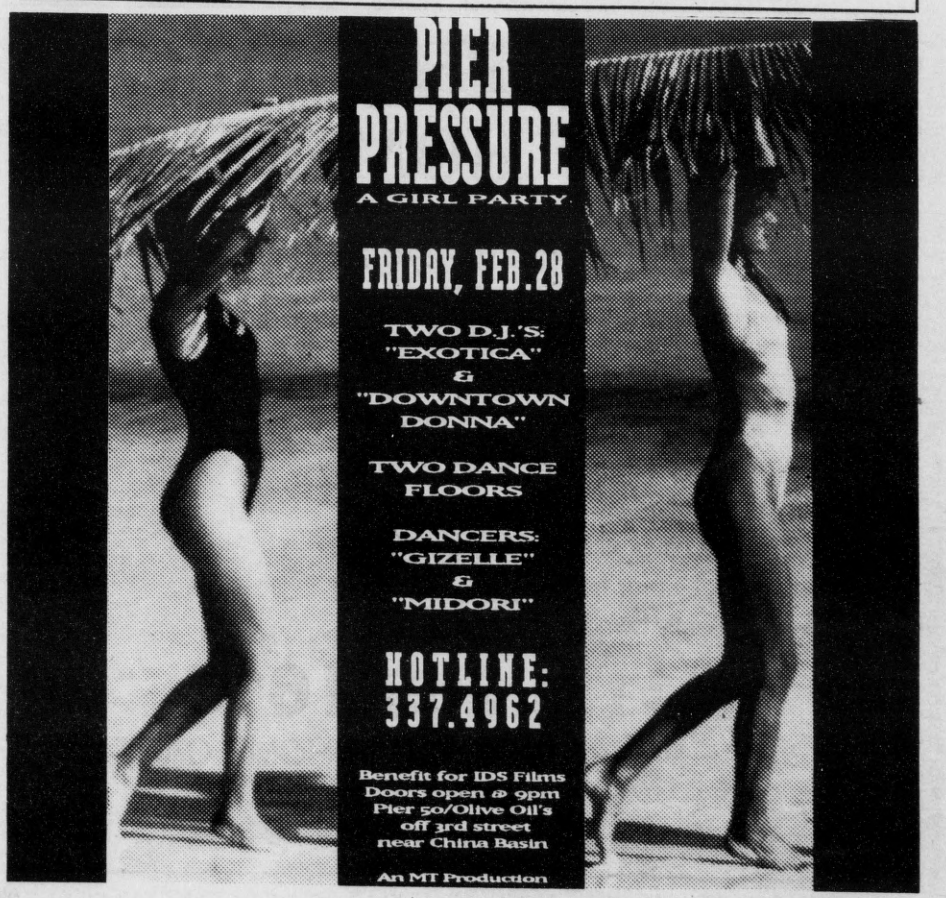

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS
BY JOHN S. JAMES

Experimental Viral Tests for HIV Disease Progression

A book recently published in France—*Viral Quantitation in HIV Infection*, edited by Jean-Marie Andrieu—provides a technical but understandable background on the state of the art of measuring HIV levels in humans (and also in animal and laboratory studies). The book presents the proceedings of the International Workshop on Viral Quantitation in HIV Infection, June 13-24, in Paris; it is entirely in English, the language of the conference, although more of the research presented was from France than from any other country.

For several reasons, it is important for AIDS activists, medical professionals, and others involved with the epidemic—not only scientific specialists—to understand what is happening in the development of better tests for HIV disease status and progression:

• Better "surrogate markers" of disease status are critically important for designing faster, more feasible, and less expensive trials of new drugs. Early clinical trials to test drug efficacy were set up to run for years, because they looked for statistical differences in death or disease progression. More recently, T-helper counts have become generally accepted as an indicator of disease progression—but only for one class of drugs, nucleoside analogs such as AZT, ddI and ddC. And T-helper counts are highly variable and have other drawbacks.

Today it appears that a better surrogate marker for drug trials—proportion of T-helper cells which are infected by HIV (see description below)—might be feasible. But experience has shown that improvements in AIDS drug testing and in treatment do not happen automatically. Activists must understand them and push for them.

• The same tests which could allow faster drug trials could also be important for improving the treatment of individual patients. For example, the test mentioned above—proportion of HIV-infected T-helper cells—may be a good prognostic indicator, showing who is likely to progress to serious illness well before T-helper cells start to decline. These patients may want to start more aggressive treatment early, while those with a better prognosis might choose a more conservative approach.

• Another use for such tests would be to monitor treatments, telling which ones are working for which patients. HIV disease is very different in different people, so no one treatment will fit everybody. Treatments could be selected based on their efficacy for a particular individual, then discarded if they later stop working. (T-helper counts are already used for this purpose, but this measurement is a crude one.)

• Better tests for disease progression could have public-health importance in the campaigns beginning now to get people into early treatment for HIV infection. Better targeting of early treatment could reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of these programs, making it easier to get them funded. Better targeting could also make early treatment more attractive to patients, since they would receive AZT or other drugs only when laboratory tests showed that they clearly needed them.

• Better viral testing could make it easier to screen the various "alternative" treatments—those without pharmaceutical company or government sponsorship—which have come into popular use without official approval. The nutritional, herbal, and other treatments which have become widely used have usually been fairly safe and relatively inexpensive—some have been called the "why not" drugs—and usually they have some scientific rationale. The problem is that usually there is little or no hard evidence that they actually work as AIDS/HIV treatments in people. The great expense of clinical trials has made it very difficult to finance careful trials of substances which are unpatentable, or are otherwise commercially unattractive. (And this same expense all but guarantees that when a pharmaceutical company does develop a drug, the eventual price will exclude most of the world's population.)

Better ways to tell how well a drug is working would make trials more precise, more credible and less expensive. And even if trials of non-commercial products still could not be financed, better information about drug efficacy would give physicians a better practical sense of what is working and what is not.

Dozens of "alternative" treatments are now in use. If even a few were clearly found to be useful, they could be immensely important.

• The new book on viral quantitation was published in Europe, with no U.S. distributor, so it may not be widely seen in this country. Some of the leading U.S. experts on viral measurement attended the conference to present their own results, and they will be familiar with the state of the art in this field. But it is also important that front-line physicians, activists, and organizers involved with AIDS policy understand this field, and the new testing options which may become available. Because of the ongoing lack of U.S. political leadership on AIDS, there is no one in a position to survey the technological advances and develop national policy to respond to the new opportunities and make sure that important leads are effectively followed up. Activists, by default, have had to take on this job and do what they can.

Viral Quantitation in HIV Infection is divided into three sections. The first, on quantifying HIV by using viral cultures, consists of ten research papers. The second, on animal research, has three papers. The third, on using PCR (polymerase chain reaction) to measure HIV, has eight papers. Instead of trying to summarize all this research, we will describe one report which may be very important.

MEASURING THE PROPORTION OF INFECTIOUS T-HELPER CELLS

A paper by JM Andrieu, G Manolikakis, and W Lu, of the Laboratory of Tumor Immunology at the University of Paris, is titled "Clinical Application of Viral Quantitation by Measuring the

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Frequency of Infectious Virus-Harboring Cells in Blood Samples of HIV-1 Seropositive Individuals." The basic idea, that the proportion of T-helper cells which are infectious in viral cultures can be a useful measure of disease status, is not new; considerable research has already been published. But Andrieu and colleagues claim to have improved and simplified the procedure; they are proposing a practical, potentially standard method by which different clinical laboratories could monitor patients with HIV infection and obtain comparable data.

When they tested their method with 38 selected asymptomatic patients, some monitored for up to two years, they found that the proportion of T-helper cells which were infective almost invariably distinguished those who remained stable from those who were later found to progress—even though there was little initial difference between these groups in T-helper counts. (Other results from patients with symptomatic illness or AIDS were also reported, including data showing limited response to AZT therapy in the group overall—but also showing that some patients had a very good, and continuing, response to the AZT.)

COMMENT

It should not be surprising that the proportion of T-helper cells which are infected would be a better measure of disease status than the T-helper count. The count depends on many factors, such as time of day, exercise, other illnesses, and probably many unknown factors as well. The proportion of cells infected by HIV is a much more specific measure of the progression of HIV disease.

The paper does leave some questions unanswered, so other scientists will need to get details from the authors. For example, the 38 asymptomatic patients were "selected," but the paper does not tell how they were selected. And ten of these patients progressed to AIDS and three to ARC in a mean follow-up of 18 months, despite the fact that these 13 patients started with a mean T-helper count over 500. (The other 25 patients remained stable—although seven of them did cross the cut-off line of more than one in ten thousand T-helper cells being infectious, indicating that they were at risk for progressing in the future.) Perhaps the fact that all 38 patients had to be ones from whom the virus could be cultured caused this group to have a worse prognosis than would usually be expected; however, this issue is not explained in the paper. (Other researchers have been able to culture HIV from blood cells of all patients with ARC or AIDS, and from a large majority of patients who are asymptomatic and have high T-helper counts. See, for example, "Quantitation of Cellular Viral Load: Correlation with CD4 Cell Count," by A. Venet and others, also published in *Viral Quantitation in HIV Infection*.)

Another bad reason to dismiss this research would be from misinterpretation of the modern realization that the classical theory of AIDS (that HIV infects and kills T-helper cells and thereby causes the immune deficiency) is incorrect—and that the real pathogenesis of AIDS, the way the disease develops, is still unknown. Other cells—such as macrophages, or cells in lymph nodes, or in other organs—may well be more important than T-helper cells as sites of HIV infection. But even if the infection in T-helper cells is only an indicator of infection elsewhere, if this indicator works as a measurement to show who will progress to a more serious disease, and whether particular drugs are effective, then that is what we need for now. We must use the tools we have and improve them later, instead of postponing practical science in order to wait for better theories.

HOW TO BUY THE BOOK

Viral Quantitation in HIV Infection is published by John Libbey Eurotext Limited, in Montrouge, France. The price is about $50, although it can change with international exchange rates; the best way to pay is by credit card. The book can be ordered from a distributor in England, Saber and Saber Limited, telephone 44-0279-417-134; or directly from the publisher in Montrouge, 33-1-46-57-10-09 (fax). It may be possible to request airmail delivery.

March on D.C....

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bisexuals lobbying for inclusion. La Rouge was one of two out transgenderals in L.A., while Kaahumanu said there were seven out bisexuals at the meeting. None of the members of the Executive Steering Committee is out as a bisexual, although Kaahumanu says, "Some came out to us when we were talking to them." Noting that some lesbian/gay leaders are closeted bisexuals, she added, "It gets frustrating if people don't support us in public. It makes it tempting to out them, but I'd never do that."

THE GUIDING LIGHTS

Almost lost in the name debate was the election of the Executive Steering Committee to guide planning of the march. Some of what Kaahumanu calls "the old guard" was not elected, including Tyler, who had been on the interim coordinating committee and ran for a permanent seat. The final committee, which will have responsibility for overseeing planning and raising money, consists of: Howard Armistead, a planner for the meeting in Los Angeles; Michelle Crone from Albany, New York, who coordinated the civil disobedience action for the 1987 march; Billy Hileman, an openly gay schoolteacher and member of ACT UP in Pittsburgh; Pat Hussain, a member of GLAAD/Atlanta; Derek Livingston, an AIDS activist in Providence, R.I.; Scout Weschler, active with ACT UP and Queer Nation in Chicago; Nadine Smith, who ran unsuccessfully for the Tampa city council as an out Black lesbian; Rebecca Toledo, originally from New York City, now doing anti-David Duke organizing in New Orleans; and Gypsy Tucker, an Oakland resident and secretary for Unity, who is helping organize the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference.

Tucker was one of the delegates from Northern California and gave up her seat when she was elected to the Executive Committee. She says she hopes to "get the Rainbow Coalition to Washington in 1993. I'd like to get all voices there, no matter what color." Armistead is moving to Washington, D.C., she says, leaving her as the only steering committee member "west of the Mississippi."

The final tally includes six women and three men—five people of color and four white people—on the steering committee. Six of the permanent members served on the interim committee. Courtney commented that she was pleased to see that people who were "mean-spirited" during the meeting did not get elected to the final committee. Kaahumanu added that the people elected "had the most inclusive vision. They are people I can work with."

Tyler says she isn't bitter about not being elected to the steering committee. She says she will concentrate on the rally committee and professes "relief" at being freed from the demands of the Executive Committee. "One of their main responsibilities is to raise hundreds and thousands of dollars. People who've never done this kind of thing before need to make room for people who know how to do that."

Nonetheless, Nystrom says she witnessed what she called a "catfight" between Tyler and Crone over leadership of the rally committee, spelling possible trouble ahead. Crone said she feels something has been worked out, though, in the interests of the march.

FUTURE PLANS

Working committees for the march met briefly in L.A., and companion committees were started in San Francisco on Feb. 2. These focus on the nuts and bolts of making the march a reality through such things as fundraising, accommodations, media, platform and permits. They will do much of their work long distance until the next national meeting. The Steering Committee will hold its first meeting in Washington, D.C., the weekend of Feb. 15. Livingston said the committee expects to elect march co-chairs at that time. Tucker said she will miss this meeting because of her work with the Black leadership conference being held in Oakland at the same time.

With the name and committees chosen, other debates loom on the horizon. For instance, some delegates are not happy about the parity requirements. "We heard people saying the liberal faction had taken over," laughs Kaahumanu. Tucker recalled that a white gay man expressed discomfort with the Northern California delegates, because none of them was a white gay man. Knapper replied, "White gay men were representing everybody for years. So, why can't we represent ourselves and everybody?" Says Courtney, "New structures of power have taken place. To be successful in lesbian/gay/bisexual politics, you have to be inclusionary. This is a new era of lesbian, gay and bisexual activism. As sexual minorities, we have to recognize the other oppressions that oppress us. We have to deal with racism, sexism and ableism. There is strength in our numbers."

The Northern California region will elect permanent delegates at the next regional meeting, to be held in Sacramento on March 14. Knapper and Nystrom will run again, but not Kaahumanu, who says she has too many other commitments. Nystrom, who is from Sacramento, bemoans the lack of organizing in smaller communities, which she hopes to involve in the regional organizing. Sacramento, she noted, has as many lesbians and gays as San Francisco, but gets less attention. She is particularly concerned about getting the word out about the march to communities in the Central Valley.

Outreach was a big topic of concern at the SF meeting on Feb. 2 among the 15 people present. The group formed four committees for the immediate future: fundraising, administrative, media and outreach and also brainstormed ideas to be taken up at future meetings. Among the items was to do outreach at the Black leadership conference and plan events to stimulate interest in the Bay Area. Yet to be decided is what is meant by the local area and how local organizing will be coordinated with all of Northern California.

The next local meeting is March 1. The Northern California contact number for the March on Washington is (510) 655-4486.

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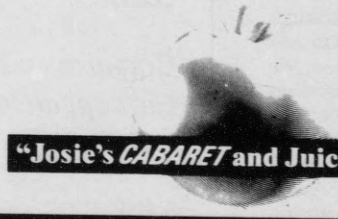

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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

Jupiter vs. Saturn

Just after sunset, one may now see Jupiter in the eastern sky. On a clear evening he'll be the brightest "star" in the heavens. The "greater benefic," as he used to be called, is nowadays in quincunx (at a 150-degree angle) with Saturn, also known as the "greater malefic." Saturn was known to the Greeks as "Chronos," and can be aptly understood as the crone planet. So imagine jolly old Jove and a strict old crone arguing over your fate for the next week and you've got a good start on it. With Jupiter in Virgo and Saturn in Aquarius they're having a good argument at that. Adjustments will be necessary, but resist the temptation to adjust everything in your range of vision. What little changes you need to make in yourself will be readily apparent, if you're willing to see them.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You've established your reputation; now what do you do with it? You're mighty creative these days and should be able to push for further advancement. In all likelihood you're really at the end of a career upswing, but you should be able to get a little bit of *oomph* this week and next by putting that creative burst to the most constructive possible use. Your concentration and critical focus are unusually sharp right now. You can use that concentration playfully and ambitiously. The challenges at hand need be no more than little irritations. Stay open and flexible. With some adjustments you can turn them very much to your advantage.

TAURUS: Domestic comfort and philosophical constraints make conservative solutions seem the best. Could be, but don't close yourself off to new possibilities. The challenge now is to make the best of traditions that feel natural and comfortable, and to put them into a framework that reflects your true values. The point is not to reject your parents' or teachers' values. They may turn out to be the same. There will certainly turn out to be some overlap.

GEMINI: Your easy way with words takes a challenging turn. You drift easily through subjects—such as sex and death—which are not as easily handled by those around you. Try to be diplomatic and gracious. You're eager to test your depth, and prone to arguments that are utterly unnecessary. You take more than usual delight in shocking folks right now, but controversy is not the same as intellectual challenge (which is what you truly crave) and shock value still relies on supply and demand. The more you offer the less its worth.

CANCER: Money seems real easy right now, but your partner has a very different take on it. Compromises will be needed, but not easy. Despite your usual reputation for emotional mooniness, you are suddenly shrewd and hardheaded. Use that suddenly diamond sharp (and equally hard) head to find solutions, not to insist that you already have the right one. Your partner's expressed concerns are very real and not to be belittled. That doesn't necessarily mean that they're absolutely right on, but as rosy as the moment seems, her concerns and suggestions will at least help you to find solutions that can ensure long range solvency.

LEO: Ready to work your *toches* off? Sure, here's your big chance to show what you're really made of. Flash and panache, your usual no-fail recipe for stardom, are not going to get you through this time. It's going to take serious hard work, testing your skills and pushing to the limit. It won't be easy, but you can still enjoy every minute of it. Hard work will pay off, but you'll have to give up some of your efforts at control (control queen? *vous*?!) and adapt to the tasks at hand. This is also an excellent time to nip any health problems in the bud.

VIRGO: Your usual sharp logic suddenly fails you now. Good for you! Yeah, it's frustrating as hell, but your intuition is now as sharp as ever and providing an incredible surge of creativity. Meditation is especially helpful; so are long hot baths. Write, paint, create as the muse leads you. This is all so unvirgoan it's really a challenge for you. Don't worry now about the quality of your artistic efforts. You're doing this for practice and self-awareness, not for sale and fame. Some of your stuff could be quite wonderful, but that's besides the point. You can hone and polish later. The time for your usual critical assessments will return soon. For now, just let it happen.

LIBRA: Your political instincts are especially sharp now. It's not so much that you can get things the way you want them, but you can get things the way you think everyone else should want them. (For you that's hardly any difference.) Although your diplomatic acuity is at its sharpest in the social sphere it will be recognized at home as little more than opportunistic manipulation. Actually, if you're real clued in to what your roommates/family want, you can enlist their aid. But they know you too well to accept any less than perfect frankness, and will be less than helpful unless their genuine needs and desires are being accommodated. I know you only want to help them, so treat them like adults and let them decide what kind of help they want.

SCORPIO: You're getting noticed for whatever you do these days. For such a subtle and private sort as yourself, that's not entirely comfortable. There's also a generally unrelated tendency to bitchiness in your chart these days and that's largely what's getting noticed. With careful application of your very shrewd mind you can elevate that "bitchiness" to "discrimination." Be gentle and diplomatic as much as you can. Authority figures want to be helpful, so be nice. Sure there's something in it for them, but there's also something for you. Accept criticism graciously as it's probably intended to be helpful. You don't have to agree or act on it, but practice smiling at the pretentious turkeys while saying, "Thank you. I'll consider that." Some of it may even be truly helpful.

SAGITTARIUS: Your wanderlust is strong, but finances are weak. This is a good time to plan a bargain holiday. With your amazing luck you could find astonishing opportunities. Amazing opportunities also beckon as you are confronted with certain philosophical challenges. New lessons are calling some of your most basic values into question. Easy though it is to get your dander up and maintain a position of moral authority (and you do that so well!) you'll be better off in the long run if you take the questions offered as a challenge to deeper and stronger integrity. Wonderful and wise though you are, there's always room for improvement.

CAPRICORN: Few people usually know what a firecracker you can be in amorous engagements. These days everybody gets to find out. Your typically mature and authoritative demeanor can be quite an asset. But what you're offered is not quite what you're looking for. Erotic opportunities will lead you into stuff you'd never really considered. Go ahead. Give it a try. You're in for revelations. Would that these days were exclusively given to lubricious delights. You are also challenged by death and grief. You'll be called on to help, or will be calling out for some. Your limits will be tested and will need adjustment. Take slow easy care of yourself. Be flexible and you'll get through it all heroically.

AQUARIUS: Ain't love grand! You're going through all kinds of internal challenges and your partner is doing his best to be helpful. Alas, what she has in mind as "help" is not exactly what you feel in need of. Some negotiation is necessary; not one of your better skills when pleading on your own behalf. Truth is, you're a control queen and you resent it when someone else knows what's best for you. If it's any consolation, you're both right and you're both wrong. Talking it out and being open to exploration, you'll find solutions between the both of you.

PISCES: All work and no play? Your friends may think you're being perfectly dull, but you seem to enjoy your striving and travails. You have a great chance to be creative, to get ahead, and to really make the most of your work. Who needs parties and social scenery? On the other hand your friends can prove a valuable resource in your work. You'll get further ahead if you can combine business and pleasure. This is also an excellent time to cultivate friendships that will help you in your work. *Happy Birthday: Scott Jordan, Gregory LeDoux and Lydia Deryckx!*

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FEB 13 / T H U

"Hard Time? Gender Bias & the Judicial System," a talk by the Honorable Judge Alice Lytle, in honor of Black Heritage Month. Judge Lytle, the first Black woman in the state of Calif to be appointed to the position of municipal court judge, discusses govt policies toward women & children within the framework of the Judicial Council's Task Force on Gender Bias & the judicial system. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center & the Black Caucus of UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 2/27 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quarantine of the Mind: One-man show by Toronto's David MacLean explores gay sexuality in the age of AIDS. Show runs two nights in San Jose—tonight at the San Jose State University Student Union Ballroom in conjunction with the closing ceremonies of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, 6-7 pm, free; tomorrow at WORKS/San Jose, 260 E Jackson St, 9-10 pm, $4-10. Info: WORKS (408) 295-8378 or SJSU (408) 924-6263.

Marin BACW Lesbian Book Talk: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of sharing your favorite women's books. Call Sandy 457-1365 for info/location.

Women's Pre-Valentine's Dance spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. Start romancin' one day early! Drugs, alcohol & smoke-free space. 7-10 pm, $2-10 SL donation. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Lesbian erotica author Robbi Sommers reads from her new collection of short stories, *Kiss & Tell*. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"MK Ghandi: Man, Mission & Message," 4th lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Topics covered include Ghandi's life & work, Bhagavadgita & Satayagraha, education towards forceful nonviolence & selfless action, examples & controversies. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

To Be a Man: *In Search of the Deep Masculine*. Author Keith Thompson discusses his new book on the unfinished work of the men's movement. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Love Conquers All: Dinner & cabaret to benefit the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project (GCHP). Pre-Valentine dinner at Ma-Tante Sumi. Cocktails at 7 pm, followed by a 5-course dinner prepared California style with nouvelle Japanese influence. Followed by a serenade of old & new love songs from around the world, performed by local Asian torch singers. $75 per person, seats limited. For res/info call 575-3939. See you there!

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Being Single: Pros & Cons," discussion facilitated by Cynthia. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Palestine Slideshow at La Pena: George Baramki Azar, Middle East correspondent, presents a slideshow with images from his acclaimed book, *Palestine: A Photographic Journey*, as well as images never shown before from Lebanon, Iran & Iraq. Discussion follows. 7:30 pm, $3-10.

Touch of A Poet poetry reading series continues with reading by Edward Mycue & Geoffrey Cook at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave (one block north of San Pablo), Berkeley. 7:30 pm, free.

At Black Oak Books: Author Carol Shields (*The Orange Fish, Swann, Various Miracles*) reads from her new novel, *The Republic of Love*, a deeply moving novel on the persistence of love in an era that doubts its very existence. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuk Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Minnie Bruce Pratt, award-winning lesbian poet whose book, *Crime Against Nature,* won the Lamont Poetry Prize of the Academy of American Poets in 1989 & the American Library Association Gay & Lesbian Book Award, reads from her work tonight at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. 7:30 pm, $4. Spons by the SFSU's Poetry Center. Info: 338-1527 or 338-2227.

5th Annual Nat'l Black Gay & Lesbian Conference & Institutes: thru 2/17 at the Clarion Hotel, 455 Hegenberger Rd, Oakland. Includes speakers, workshops, plenary sessoins, caucusing, culture events, artists reception, banquet & dance; plus special one-day institutes focused on specific issues—AIDS, women's issues, spirituality, cultural & leadership development. For info/reg: (213) 666-5495.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Local contributors to *Sinister Wisdom*'s Lesbian & Class issue give a reading & discussion. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales & Sinister Wisdom. No one turned away for lack of funds. ASL interpreted. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St, SF.

An Eve of Performance Poetry at Cody's with Susan Terence, Irwin Rosen & David Frankel. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gloria Steinem in a lecture/reading at Herbst Theatre, part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" lecture series. 8 pm. Info: 392-4400. Tix $14 & $12.

Tripnology, playwright Jonal Woodward's work, three one-act plays about American homelessness, prejudice, and the crack drug plague, runs tonight & tmw at 8 pm at Angelico Hall, Dominican College campus, 50 Acacia Ave, San Rafael. Info/res: 673-3131 or 485-3242.

"Markers"—Joe Goode Performance Group presents an evening-length construction of Goode's most pivotal works, including the premiere of a new piece, "Without A Place." Thurs-Sun tonight thru 2/16 & 2/20-23 at 8:30 pm at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Tix $12-15. Info/res: 621-7797.

FEB 14 / F R I

Valentine's Day Breakfast: Part of Shanti Project's "Home is Where the Heart Is" annual campaign to raise funds for the Residence Program for people with AIDS. Two restaurants host breakfast from 8-10 am. For location & other info call 777-2273.

Women's Wkend Yoga Retreat: today thru 2/16 with Deborah Karish, DC, MS at Joy Springs Ranch in Geyserville, Sonoma County. 160 acres of beautiful coastal mountain land, 2 hrs from SF. Retreat designed for beginning students. $165. Class size limited. For info/reg: (707) 431-0615.

SF Fire Dept invites women & minorities to apply for the upcoming firefighter exam. Applications accepted today & tmw only. Starting salary: $37,830 per year. No experience necessary. All applicants must apply in person at the SFFD Division of Training, 2310 Folsom St at 19th, SF between 8 am-6 pm. Minimum qualifications: SF resident as of 10/15/91, at least 18 yrs of age, HS grad or equivalent, Calif Driver's License with good driving record, good physical health with uncorrected vision of at least 20/50 in each eye & a minimum of 20/40 uncorrected with both eyes. Info: 552-5432 or visit the SFFD Recruitment Unit at 1152 Oak St at Divisadero, Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm.

Hearts Are Wild for Lovers Russian River Wkend, spons by Sherwood Forest Resort & Friar Tuck's Restaurant & Bar. Come enjoy a romantic Valentine's Wkend at the River! Info: (707) 869-1801 or (800) 453-7473.

Jackie for Empress Campaign celebrates Valentines Day with Jackie giving out Valentine's at Marlena's Overpass, noon-7 pm. 488 Hayes St, SF.

Celebrate Domestic Partners! Join in the 2nd annual celebration of the City's domestic partners law, in SF City Hall rotunda. New couples are encouraged to register & participate in today's ceremony, everyone is encouraged to come and celebrate! Info: Katie 554-5145.

"Home is Where the Heart Is," Shanti Project's annual Valentine's Week campaign to raise money for their Residence Program for people with AIDS begins tonight. Four Valentine's Dances will be held on Thursdays thru 2/16 at some of SF's hottest dance clubs, a different club hosts each night. Tonight's party is at Club Dekadance, theme is "Chain of Hearts". 995 Harrison St at 6th. Don't miss! For details call Alix Sabin 777-2273.

"uncensored love" at Life on the Water: A Valentine's Day celebration featuring music ritual with Tiye Giraud, readings by Holly Hughes, puppets by Janie Geiser. Hosted by Ellen Sebastian. Also open mike personal ads. Attire: Red? Info/RSVP: 776-8999. Ft Mason Bldg B, SF.

"Two Lives in the Dharma," a conversation between Joanna Macy & Tibetan lama Dugu Choegyal Rinpoche, a sharing of stories & teachings harvested in the course of their long friendship & collaboration. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Psychotherapy with Incest Survivors: Wkshop with Karen Peoples. Focus on the therapeutic process with adult incest survivors, trauma theory, iatrogenic effects, therapist's emotional reactions. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"The Languages of the Male Heart," a lecture/wkshop with Doug Von Koss. Exploration of the different ways of expressing the communication of the male heart. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Love Needs Care Auction Party: Fundraiser spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic. Live & silent auctions conducted by Butterfield & Butterfield—come bid for airline tix, fine dining, getaway wkends & more. Live jazz entertainment by John Handy with *Class*, complimentary gourmet appetizers & desserts by several SF restaurants. 7-11 pm, $25. Rincon Hill Spectrum Art Gallery, 511 Harrison St at 1st, SF. Info: 563-2708.

Senator Al Gore discusses his book, *Earth in the Balance: Ecology & the Human Spirit*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Tongues on Fire: An Eve of Black Lesbian/Gay Erotica: An eve of poetry, performance & suprises to fan the Valentine's Day flames, with Blackberri, S Diane Bogus, Wayne Corbitt, Jewelle Gomez, Stephanie Henderson & others. Don't miss! 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee. Proceeds benefit Woman in the Moon Publications & the Modern Times Bookstore Expansion Fund. Event held at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Tripnology by Jonal Woodward at Dominican College, see 2/13 listing for details.

Hollywood Movie Classics series continues at Oakland's Paramount Theatre with *Rebel Without a Cause*. 8 pm. Doors open at 7 pm for entertainment with organist Jim Riggs at the Wurlitzer, followed by newsreel, cartoon, trailer, game prizes & the feature film. 2025 Broadway at 21st, Oakl. Info: (510) 465-6400.

Valentine's Day Concert: Night of blues/jazz at Josie's with Faye Carol & her duo (Kito Gamble on piano, Dwayne Oakley on bass). 10 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Benefit Memorial for Brazilian musician Carlos Briceno, who died in a tragic motorcycle accident on 1/7. Several Bay Area groups including *Coro Hispano, La Pena Chorus, Todo America, Grupo Campana, Bienmesabe* and *Altazor* gather to pay him tribute. 8 pm, $7. Proceeds will be sent to Carlos' family in Venezuela. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret. Hot on the heels of their hit show, "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," this SF-based performance group of Black gay men return with a fresh crop of stories about Black gay life. Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/8. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Quarantine of the Mind: an exploration of gay sexuality & AIDS—see 2/13 listing for details.

Gender-Bender Party to celebrate Int'l Bisexuality Day. Come as your favorite gender (they're so many possibilities!) or because of your favorite gender—whatever. 9 pm. Inner Sunset location. Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Fools Love at The Marsh with cartoonist/editor/lesbian erotica writer Roxxie, sexworker/writer/transsexual lesbian Christine Beatty and columnist/author Bo Huston. 10:30 pm, $4. Part of the Spoken Word Savages series at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

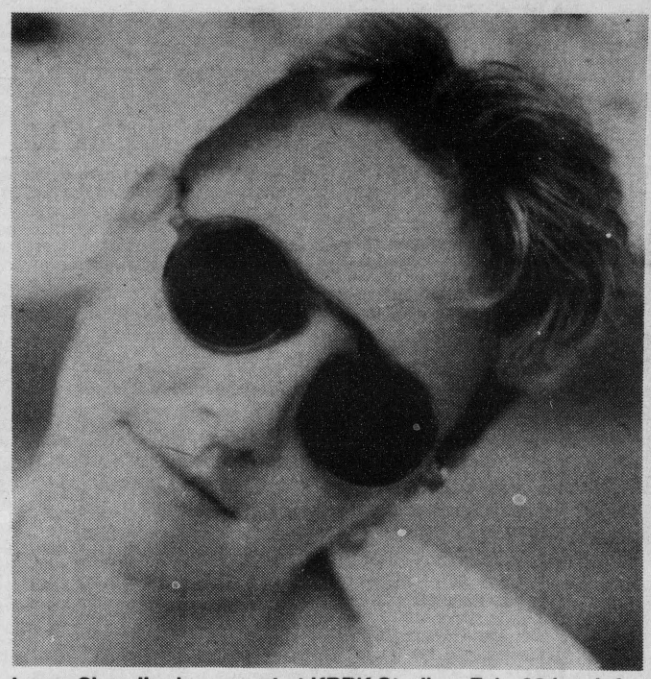
FEB 15 / S A T

Clinic Defense: Join BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights) in defending Bay Area clinics from anti-abortion attacks today at 6 am. BACORR clinic defenders will be in SF at the Pregnancy Consultation Center, 1801 Bush St at Octavia, and in Oakland at Family Planning Specialists, 100 Webster at Jack London Square. For more info call BACORR at 541-5690. Your help is needed!

Lake Chabot/San Leandro Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-580 East to 150th Ave exit. Turn left at 2nd light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot at beginning of trail. Parking fee, free offstreet parking at park entrance. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

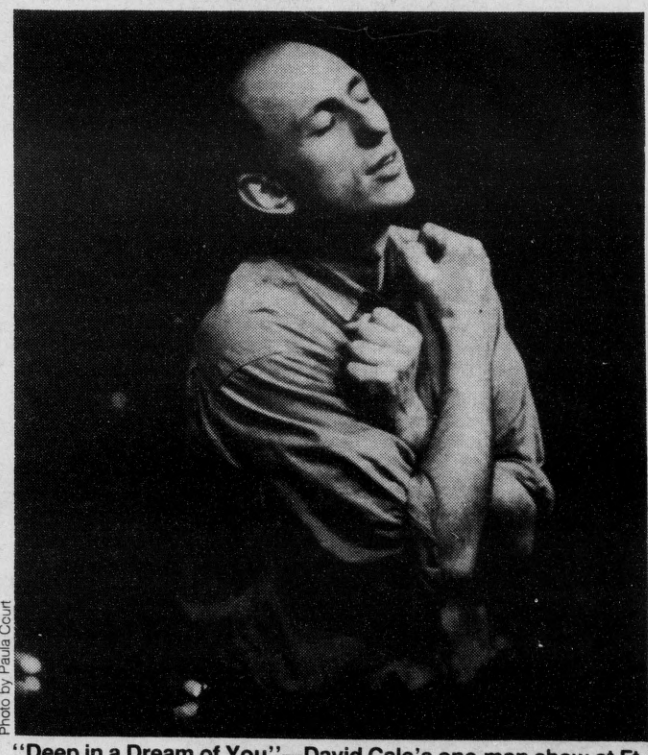
Red Cross First AID/CPR Class: Learn what to do in an emergency—save your friend, lover, co-worker's life. Earn both certificates for $25. 9:30 am-5:30 pm at the Sierra Club, Polk & Ellis, SF. Reg/info: Lynn McIntire, RN (510) 530-7602.

Realizing Your Dreams in 1992: Positive Thinking for the New Year: 1-day workshop. Learn how to: expect the highest & best to occur to you, release self-defeating thought patterns, expand your sense of what's possible, become "unstuck", see challenges as opportunities. Use meditation & guided visualization to create at atmosphere in which you can welcome the new year with confidence & courage. Taught by Tasha Silver. 10 am-3 pm at Earth Circle Center, 524 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Workshop repeats on 2/22, 10 am-3 pm, in SF at the SF Miracle Center, 2269 Market St at Noe, SF. Info/reg:



Laura Chandler in concert at KBBK Studios. Feb. 22 has info.

What Ever Happened to B.B. Jane?—B.B. Productions sorts it all out on stage at the Victoria Theatre this month. Check OnStage column for details.



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"Deep in a Dream of You"—David Cale's one-man show at Ft. Mason. OnStage has info.

658-5292. $65. Space limited to 30 people.

Caregiving: The Final Stage—workshop spons by Kairos House. Provides caregivers with practical & emotional support in caring for someone thru the dying process. Resource materials provided. All caregivers of persons with life-threatening illnesses are welcome. $35 suggested donation. For info/reg: Kairos Support for Caregivers 861-0877.

The Feminine in Poetry: 2-day wkshop (2/15, 2/22) examines the work of women poets who challenged the traditional school of poetry with their innovative use of style, technique & subject matter. Focus is on their work in relationship to the influences of family, education, critics & contemporaries. 10 am-3:30 pm. JFK University, School of Liberal & Professional Arts, 12 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. $99 audit, $143 credit. Info/reg: (510) 253-2228.

Marin BACW/Gloria Steinem: Join Bay Area Career Women as they listen to Gloria Steinem discuss her new book, *Revolution From Within: A Book of Self-Esteem* at a local bookstore. 10:30 am. Followed by lunch at the Island Cafe in Corte Madera. Limited to 10 people. Reserve by 2/12. Call Avril for info/res: 383-6737.

Chinese New Year Parade Annual extravaganza begins at noon at Union Square, SF with rally followed by spectacular parade featuring the Golden Dragon dancers. For info on this & related events, call the Chinese New Year Festival Committee 391-9680.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm. For info/location call 381-3563.

Feminist Author Gloria Steinem discusses & signs copies of her new book, *Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*. Book recounts Steinem's own search for self-worth, and explores the stories of other men & women. 2-4:30 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Mystery writer Sara Paretsky reads & signs copies of her new book, *Guardian Angel* at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books. 2 pm, free. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 441-6670.

BWMT Rap/Social: "Interracial Relations: The Mandingo Syndrome" is the topic of tonight's Black & White Men Together's mtg. Come discuss the myths & the realities. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Facilitator, Calvin Lowery; greeter, Peter Eggenberger. Info: 826-BWMT.

BACW/Sonoma Valentine's Day Dinner: Join Bay Area Career Women for a sweet & delicious night for you & your darlin.' 6:30 pm social, followed by 7 pm dinner. $23. Reservations required by 2/12. Space limited. Info/res: Toni (707) 578-7743 or Amy: (707) 874-1621.

"A Night of A Thousand Divas," part of Shanti Project's "Home is Where the Heart Is" campaign to raise funds for the Residence Program (see 2/14 listing). Tonight features Jomanda & Drag Queen's Competition at Colossus, 1015 Folsom St, SF.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Julia Morgan Ctr for the Arts features brilliant young composer Fred Ho's jazz symphony score, *Monkey Suite*. Work utilizes both Chinese folk influences & African American jazz tempos, forging a unique Chinese-American music. 8 pm, $15/$12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA. 2642 College Ave, Berkeley.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 2/14 listing for details.

At Life on the Water: "No Trace of the Blonde," Holly Hughes reads from a work in progress. Plus live interviews with high school girls, given by Ellen Sebastian & Holly Hughes. 8 pm, $7. Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Info/RSVP: 776-8999.

Comedy Night at SFJCC: The Gefilte Fish Heads celebrate their 10th anniversary with a roast for founder Terry Sand. 8 pm, $10. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Salsa all night at La Pena with Benny Velarde's *Super Combo*. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marilyn Pittman, Mario Mondelli & Nora Frala. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Klubstitute Homophile Niteclub & Cabaret presents their 2nd Year Anniversary Party! Bluesy/jazz/vintage entertainment by Miss Veronica Klaus & her quartet, plus melancholy rhythms with *The Red Housepainters*, poetry & songs with Omewenne, dance & spoken word with Dawn of Aquarius. Also Tony Vaguely's "Terror-Filled Tunnel of Love." DJ Miss Go-Go Chanel. $4.98 (half-price before 10 pm). 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Info: Remix or Diet 826-5358.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *The Strangers, Truth,* and *Myself A Living Torch*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

FEB 16 / SUN

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to Woman-Loving Identity: Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian sexuality, work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Mellow Winter Walk on Mt Tam, with SF Hiking Club. Easy 5-mile hike. Roundtrip auto distance 40 miles. Cost per car $4 plus $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Rain cancels. Bring lunch, water & warm clothing. Leader: Joseph Itiel 647-0574.

***In the Shadow** of the Stars:* Allie Light & Irving Saraf's compelling documentary on the stars & bit players of grand opera. Focus is on the SF Opera Chorus. Film screens at the Castro Theatre, Castro & Market, SF.

G Forty Plus Club Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's topic: TV & the gay community. Maury Loomis shares some fascinating new material from his enormous library of tapes. Info: 552-1997.

Author Sara Paretsky reads from *Guardian Angel* her 7th & newest novel featuring the funky feminist private eye VI Warshawski. 2-4 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

PEN Oakland 2nd Annual Josephine Miles Literary Awards: Enjoy an afternoon of literature & jazz at this awards ceremony which honors books published in 1991 that reflect a multicultural viewpoint. Program includes blues singer Anna De Leon, pianist Diana Perry. The award-winning books will be read by UC Berkeley professor Hertha Wong, novelists Ishmael Reed & Louis Owens, poets Leonard Nathan & Jose Antonio Burciaga. Public welcome! 3-5 pm, $5. Anna's Restaurant, 6420 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Reception at A Different Light Bookstore for artist Raven the Tender Barbarian, whose new oils depicting the goddess Kali in many guises will be on display at the store thru the month. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Sunday's Child Salon for bonny & blithe lesbians & feminists meets today for: An excerpt from the libretto of Lynn Lonidier's lesbian ecological opera, "Rhyme of the Ag-ed Mariness"; plus "Sweetheart Art"—bring a short erotic poem, a tune or a graphic if you wish to share. 4-7 pm. Intros & presentations begin at 4:30. If possible, bring pillows for seating, food to share & $3-15 donation. At the home/studio of Indigo, 400 1/2 Pennsylvania, SF. Enter on 19th St, ring bell for "Baptiste". Info: 285-2703.

Dorothy's Got Class! Students from Dorothy Allison's writing class read work developed under her wing—5 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Afternoon Party at SF Eagle: Benefit for Shanti Project's "Home is Where the Heart Is" campaign to raise funds for the Residence Program. Traditional Sunday beer bust features auction of dinner dates with celebrities & the hottest men & women in town. Don't miss! Info: 777-2273.

Mid-Life Women's Support Group meets 6:30 pm. Discussion topics: menopause, mellowing, financial planning, self-image, "sandwich generation," & more. Info: Pat 647-0413. SF location.

Sunday Songbird Jazz Series continues at Labodega Restaurant with Cathi Walkup, Adam Levy & Nora Nussbaum. 7-9 pm, no cover. 1337 Grant St, SF. Info: 433-0439.

"Chain of Hearts" Valentines Dance at the Pleasuredome, part of Shanti Project's "Home is Where the Heart Is" campaign to raise money for the Residence Program (see 2/14). 177 Townsend St at 3rd, SF. Info: 777-2273.

"All in All I'd Rather Be Having Sex," journalist, poet, fiction writer & performer Tommi Avicolli Mecca perform a preview of his show which opens later this month at Josie's Cabaret. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Luis Alfaro in *Pico-Union*. The LA-based performance artist presents a series of "downtown stories" incorporating poetry, movement, film & sound. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. 8 pm, $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts. Info/reg: 346-4063.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's—see 2/14.

Blackberri in Concert at Josie's: Jazz, reggae, gospel, folk & country with this early leader in the gay men's music scene & outspoken activist for the rights of lesbians & gays & people of color. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. Don't miss!

Photo by Amy Meadow

"Voyage to Lesbos," with the NY-based performance group, The Five Lesbian Brothers. OnStage has details.

FEB 17 / MON

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Environmental psychologist James Swan discusses his book, *Nature As Healer & Teacher*, which offers a psychology of nature kinship based on the wisdom of indigenous peoples; and offers a musical preview of his upcoming Buffalo Concert Tour, which seeks to raise funds to restore buffalo herds on Indian reservations. 7 pm, $3 or free with author's book. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 2/24 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals and bi-friendly others are welcome. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

The Road Before Us/Warm December: Vega, editor of *Warm December* and Assoto Saint, editor of *The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets* host a bookparty/reading featuring Bay Area contributors to these recent anthologies giving witness to the current explosion of Black gay men's culture. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Monday Night Marsh series, a venue for new work 15-20 minutes in length, continues tonight with Ruth Halpern's "Exotic Erotic Ball", Amy Moon's "Sunshine, Sunstruck", Kate Perry's "My Name is Kate Perry & I've Been Drinking" and Nina Wise's "Improvisations". 8:30 pm, $5. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

KQED's Viewpoints Series presents *Homeless, Not Helpless: Opening Doors*, a look at several communities & their programs involving homelessness. Produced & directed by local filmmaker Jerry Jones, and narrated by Julian Bond, the documentary emphasizes solutions. 10 pm, KQED Channel 9.

FEB 18 / TUE

Calif Abortion Rights Action League's PAC hosts lunchtime fundraiser featuring Sarah Weddington (the attorney who argued *Roe v Wade*). Noon-1:30 pm, $50. Info/res: Beth Davenport at CARAL-PAC, 300 Brannan St, Ste 501, SF, 546-7211.

"Catholic Night," at Lavender Lounge, TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence bless the studio, and the demonic Sean Reynolds does his candle wax trick. 1:30 pm SF cable channel 25.

Women's Erotic Reading Circle at Good Vibrations. Come keep those Valentine's fires burning with some highly flammable erotica! Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this informal monthly gathering. Bring any erotic poetry or prose, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's, to share with group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed. 7-9 pm, free, women only. Punctuality appreciated. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

"Pain Relief for Your Mind & Body: Ayurvedic East Meets Chiropractic West," a talk by Dr Larry Gertler at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Author Carol Pearson discusses her new book *Awakening the Heroes Within: 12 Archetypes to Transform Our World*, the companion volume to her best-selling *The Hero Within*. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Coming Out or Staying in the Closet: A discussion on how to/whether to tell others about your s/m practice. Led by Carol Kleinmaier. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Carol begins by explaining how she discusses s/m with those who don't understand it, then invites everyone to ask questions & share their own experiences. Doors open at 7 pm, discussion 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $10. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! For info/location: 550-7776.

SFJCC Sephardic Video Series features *Trees Cry for Rain: A Sephardic Journey*. Bonnie Burt's video provides a glimpse into the life of Rachel Amado Bortnick, one of the last generation of native speakers of Ladino (Judeo-Spanish). Film reveals the life of the Turkish Sehardi community as seen thru songs, foods, photos & stories. 7:30 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Int'l Indian Treaty Council: Monthly update at La Pena. 7:30 pm, donation. For info call 566-0251.

At Black Oak Books: SF surgeon Leonard Shlain discusses his book, *Art & Physics: Parallel Visions in Space, Time & Light*, an exploration of the invisible world of art & the visible world of physics, proposing that they unite in a higher realm he calls the "universal mind". 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

"Trekking the Indian Himalaya," talk/slideshow by Effie Fletcher, documenting her 17-day trek over glaciers, thru Hindu shepherding communities to Dharamsala, the Tibetan Buddhist center & home of the Dalai Lama. Spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans (GLS). 7:30 pm, free, everyone welcome! Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF.

Russian Commentator Vladimir Pozner discusses & signs copies of his new book, *Eyewitness*, at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books. 7:30 pm. This will be Pozner's only Northern Calif bookstore appearance. His new book focuses on the attempted coup of August 1990. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Free. Info: 441-6670.

At Cody's Books: Bay Area Henfield Prize winners Molly Giles, Brad Owens & Fenton Johnson read from their work in *The Henfield Prize Stories*, a new collection bringing together all the stories that have won the award since its inception in 1980. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

FEB 19 / WED

Genital Herpes Study: Women & men sought for a UCSF study of recurrent genital herpes. Both HIV positive & HIV negative participants are needed. Study lasts for a single episode of recurrent herpes, includes a free physical exam & basic lab work-up, and study volunteers must be over age 18. Participants paid $100 for a minumum of 5 visits. For more info call Patricia Duff, NP, at 431-0790 or 864-8100 btwn 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

Theater Classes offered by Rest Stop Support Center. Learn theater games, improv, production. Both beginners & advanced welcome! Classes held on Wednesdays, ongoing. 1:30-3:30 pm. 134 Church St nr Market, SF. Rest Stop is a support center for people living with HIV/AIDS/ARC, their families & friends. Info: 621-1701.

Men's Discovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Today's topic: "Do You Carry A Torch?" Led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.

"Gimme Shelter: The Evolution of the Bay Area House," a talk by writer/historian Gray Brechin. In the 19th century the American home became an unprecedented machine for living, with technology affecting every aspect of family life & individual perception. The home itself came to be perceived as a national birthright, the very bedrock of a

Parents & Kids Box

Lesbian/Gay Parents Support Group of Ministry of Light meets in February. Childcare provided, $2 per family. For location & program info call 457-1115.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers holds their winter auditions thru 2/15. Open to all interested boys ages 7 and up, with unchanged voices. No previous musical training is necessary. 75-member choir includes boys from 5 Bay Area counties, offers boys & young men musical instruction & the chance to develop their talent. Rehearsal sites held in several convenient Bay Area locations. For info or to schedule an audition appt call (510) 887-4311.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 23 & under meets Thurs evenings. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-9 pm group time. 2/ 13 & 20. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

For Kids at La Pena: 2/15—Movement & Dancing with Linda Harrour & songs with Nancy Raven; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 2/29—Puppets & stories with Denys Adida; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am on 2/22, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.

"Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf," musical comedy by Carol Lynn Pearson, presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co & School. Series of vignettes exploring Aesop's fables. Every Sat & Sun afternoon at 3 pm, thru 3/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Complex, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Tix $11 adults, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents): Cody's celebrates Black History Month with a reading by storyteller Awele Makeba. Stories from African and African American sources. A very special afternoon—2/29, 1 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Black History Month Celebration at Cody's Books: 2/27 at 8 pm. Thulani Davis reads from the extraordinary coming-of-age novel, *1959*. See Main Calendar listing for details.

Black History Month Wkshops & Performances at the Randall Museum, for parents & kids. No pre-reg required, admission a first-come, first-served basis, art wkshops are space-limited. Program: 2/15, 1-3 pm, $1—**Mask Making,** with Kemit Amenophis. Make masks exploring your own creativity, see Kemit's series of portraits of contemporary African Americans, inspired by Nigerian artwork from the area of Nok. At 3:15 pm—**Douglass Latchkey Performers** —a special Black History Month performance by schoolkids, free. 2/22, 1-3 pm, $1—**The Heritage of African American Quilting Wkshop** with Karen Hampton. Learn techniques & traditions of African American quilting. At 3:15 pm, $1 adults, kids 25 cents—**Storytelling** with Anita Jones. Stories in the African American tradition. 2/29, 1-3 pm, $1—**Doll Making Wkshop** with Shanju (Judy Shannon). Come to the world of the magical dollmaker, make your own personal doll. At 3:15 pm, free—**Miraloma School African American History** performance—music, dance, storytelling & history. For info on any of these events, call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF.

Chinese New Year Parade: 2/15, 6-8 pm. See Main Calendar listing or call 391-9680 for details.

Encampment for Citizenship sponsors an annual (since 1946) 6-wk residential program for a diverse group of 50 youth interested in social issues & bettering their communities. This unique, multicultural program for teenagers (16-19) is held 7/5-8/14 in the SF Bay Area. Youth perform community service projects, enjoy cultural/artistic events, and take part in several in-depth small-group workshops on a variety of issues. Some issues under consideration for this summer's program include: health & poverty, int'l issues, human rights, racism & sexism, immigration, labor issues, youth empowerment, drugs, the environment, education and economics. For info/application write Encampment for Citizenship, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste B, Berkeley 94702 or call (510) 548-8908. Space is very limited & early application strongly advised for first priority & financial aid. Scholarships awarded based on family need. $35 application fee will be waived for applications postmarked by March 2, 1992.

For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Positively Mother Goose: illustrator Ronda Henrichsen in an appearance at Small Change Children's Store, 1234 9th Ave nr Lincoln, SF. 2/29, 1-3 pm, free. Info: 566-1234.

Sharon Art Studio offers classes for children, youth & adults in glass, beading, Indian beading, Fimo bead artistry, printmaking, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Golden Gate Park, SF, near Children's Playground. Info: 753-7006 or 753-7004.

stable & conservative society. Brechin's talk follows the evolution of the Bay Area home and the way it has defined a sense of shared purpose thru 140 years. 6:30 pm, $4. Ft Mason Center Bldg C, SF.

Bi-Friendly UC meets 6:30 pm tonight & 2/26 for a support group followed by social, at UC Berkeley, ASUC Bld, Douglas Fir Room. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

A Course in Miracles with Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). It doesn't matter if you believe in miracles, as long as you expect them! 7 pm meeting. Call Sharon 453-9317 for location info & to confirm date.

GLAAD Censorship & the Arts: Public forum & video presented by Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation & ACLU. Speakers: Bobby Lilly, Californians Against Censorship Together; Bruce Davis, People for the American Way; Lauren Smedley, GLAAD; Tom DiMaria, Executive Director of Frameline & ACLU rep. 7 pm, free. Women's Bldg auditorium, 3543 18th St, SF.

Pisces Sun Sign Celebration at Gifts of the Goddess: Learn the history, energy & mythology of Pisces, on the day it is activated. 7-9 pm, $7-12 SL. Led by Mynya & Linda at Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Medicinal Plants: Survey of 160 Herbs—17-wk class covers 160 individual medicinal plants in detail—including where to get the herb, how to evaluate its quality, basic pharmacology, physiologic actions, when to use & not to use, dosage & preparation, diagnostics as well as its application in disease, constitutional therapy, preventative medicine and in supplementing other forms of medicine & healing. Wed 7-9:30 pm thru 6/3. $180-310 SL fee. Info/reg: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

Author Owen Edwards discusses & signs copies of his book, *Upward Nobility: How to Succeed in Business Without Losing Your Soul*. Come learn how to make it in business without hating yourself in the morning (or having others hate you all the time). 7 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Codependents Anonymous Group for lesbians, gays & others meets 7:30 pm at the City of Refuge Bldg, 754 14th St, SF. "Over the Hump" CODA group's new location. Wkly 1 1/2 hr support mtg. For info on other Bay Area mtgs call 905-6331.

Buddhist author/activist Sulak Sivaraksa discusses his new book, *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*. Sivaraksa is one of Asia's leading social thinkers & activists, currently living in exile because of a warrant for his arrest in Thailand, for criticizing the current military regime. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Ritual of Remembrance at MCC-SF: Solemn ceremony dedicated to remembering those we have lost. If you're still grieving, perhaps long after the "official mourning" period, you may find this service comforting. 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Memorial Reading at Cody's for Karen Brodine: Poets Judy Grahn, Nellie Wong, Merle Woo & Gail Wiley read in the memory of Karen Brodine, poet of love & work, feminism & class struggle, who died of breast cancer in October, 1987. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Pomo Afro Homnos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret—see 2/14 listing for details.

"Flossing," a performance art work by Aaron Noble & Marshall Weber. Noble & Weber perform rituals of dysfunctionality, affirming their denial of community & leading the audience in a series of uncathartic disempowerment exercises designed to smash any possibility of dialog. 8 pm, $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Info/res: 346-4063.

FEB 20 / T H U

Nicki Scully, author, ceremonialist, healer & workshop leader, discusses his book, *The Golden Cauldron: Shamanic Journeys on the Path of Wisdom*, and guides participants in using ancient tools for facing fears, awakening the heart, healing grief & making life changes. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

"Thomas Merton: Contemplation & Action," 5th lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Covers various topics including the American Monk, contemplation & action, imagination, poetry, the arts, justice & nonviolence, absorbing Asian spirituality & Merton's legacy. 7-9 pm. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Cancer & Malpractice: Nancy Hersch,

Photo by Steve Savage

Empress candidate Jackie hands out Valentines on the Day itself. See calendar for info.

prominent malpractice lawyer with Hersch & Hersch, discusses the legal recourse available to women with cancer & tells how to pursue a malpractice claim. She specializes in cases involving the incorrect reading of mammograms & was involved in the Dalkon Shield case. Spons by Women's Cancer Resource Center. 7 pm, donations accepted. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (close to Ashby BART Station). Please refrain from wearing scents in the center. Wheelchair Accessible.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonght's topic: "Hidden Agendas: What Are the Real Messages Behind the Things We Say & Do?" Discussion facilitated by Donna. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Gay & Lesbian Videomakers meeting/open screening for people involved in all aspects of the medium. 7:30-10 pm in SF. For info/location: RSVP Nikos 775-6143.

At Black Oak Books: Author Audrey Edwards discusses her book, *Children of the Dream: The Psychology of Black Success*. Co-written with Dr Craig Polite, the book examines the lives of successful African American baby boomers. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

The Toxic Waste Trade: Exporting US Poisons to Central America & to Native American Land—Tani Adams, coordinator of Greenpeace's Latin American operations and a Native American speaker discuss current efforts to dump toxic waste in these areas, as well as the fight to prevent and/or stop this practice. 7:30 pm, $4-8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/14 listing for details.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Filmmaker Elena Featherston screens *Visions of the Spirit*, her documentary film about author Alice Walker. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. Videotapes of the film are available for purchase. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

The Costs of Free Trade: John Gershman, editor of *Trading Freedom: How Trade Affects Our Lives, Work & Environment*, readable, hard-hitting collection on the ramifications of the free trade zone that will extend from the Yucatan to the Yukon, is joined by Sandra Sorenson of the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives & other contributors in a discussion of the profound economic changes that will be wrought by the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Mexico & Canada. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Richard Nelson, anthropologist/author and Gary Snyder, poet/essayist at Herbst Theatre, SF; part of City Arts & Lectures' 2nd Annual Calif Academy of Sciences Conversations & Readings lecture series. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Info: 392-4400.

FEB 21 / F R I

TGIF with BACW/Sonoma: Celebrate the end of the week with Bay Area Career Women. 6-8 pm at Tweet's, 544 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. $7. No-host bar. Info: Cherie (707) 544-4266 or Amy (707) 874-1621.

Tarot Readers Network meets at Gifts of the Goddess: Come meet & exchange readings with other beginning & experienced tarot readers. 6-9 pm, speaker from 7:30-8:30 pm. $3-5. 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Seminar in Grief Therapy: Ethics in Death & Dying. Covers the basic issues of medical ethics as they concern the dying person, including issues of competency, surrogate decision-making, life support decisions, advance directives & euthanasia. Instructor Dr Kate Christensen is an internist with Kaiser Permanente, chairs the Kaiser Martinez Ethics Committee & is the regional ethics coordinator for Northern Calif Kaiser Permanente. 6:30-9:30 pm tonight, 9 am-4 pm tmw. JFK University, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. $30. Info/reg: (510) 254-0110.

"Women & the Embodiment of Spirituality," a lecture/wkshop with Nicki Scully. Delve deeply into various archetypal aspects of the feminine principle, explore & own the qualities of Woman as Mother, Healer, Warrior, Creator, and keeper of the knowledge of ancient ways. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Somatosynthesis: The Psychodynamics of Human Touch," a lecture/wkshop with Clyde Ford. Explore the somatic reality of emotional healing & recovery thru Somatosynthesis, a method developed by Dr Ford which incorporates body awareness, movement & human touch. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Dark Shadows Party: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos & fun, starting at 8 pm. For location & more info call Neil 255-7672.

From A New Chile to La Pena: Chilean composers & musicians Schwenke & Nilo, on their 2nd US tour, give a concert tonight at La Pena Cultural Center, their only Bay Area appearance. 8 pm, $9 adv, $10 day of show. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

CISPES Benefit at the SF's Kennel Club, with entertainment by *Mo'Fessionals, Midnight Voices* and *Furious George*. 8 pm, $6-10 SL.

Global Riot, SF's only gay & lesbian comedy improv group, performs at Josie's Cabaret for one night only—so don't miss! 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Author/poets Neeli Cherkovski & Alan Kaufman read from their works at The Marsh as part of the Spoken Word Savages series. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

FEB 22 / S A T

Dual Disorders Among Recovering Addicts: 3-day class (2/22, 29 & 3/7) explores the concept of dual diagnosis & its impact on recovery from addictions. 9 am-5 pm at West Coast Institute of Addictive Studies. Call Bev Wells, PhD 585-5212 for res/info.

The Challenge to Be, a series of Sat workshops on spirituality & sexuality spons by The Parsonage, begins today. Focus on allowing gay men & lesbians to explore & learn, share insights & lessons. Co-led by Kris Wagner & Jack Fertig. 9 am-4:30 pm, $180 for 6-wk series (works-study arrangements & flexible payment plans available; no one turned away for lack of funds). Topics include: sexuality & spirituality, homophobia & coming out, gay/lesbian history & developing gay/lesbian identity, relationships & community, gay/lesbian spirituality, thanksgiving & blessing of gifts. For more info call 552-2909. Registration required by 1/31.

Bal Masque IV spons by Celestial Krewe de Cuir. Costume Tableau—"Daydreams & Nightmares: Visions of Heaven & Hell", Unmasking of Le Roi de Cuir IV, the King of Leather, and Le Dauphin IV, the Crown Prince of Leather. No-host bar managed by members of the Phoenix Uniform Club. For info/res write to Celestial Krewe de Cuir, Wally Sherwood, Secretary, 172 Haight St #4, SF 94102-5728.

Basic Home Repair: Electrical Wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, taught by Women Empowering Women, a nonprofit organization of tradeswomen. Learn how to repair the wires & plugs on your lamps, vacuum cleaner & other appliances. Find out about circuit breakers & fuse boxes. Get hands-on experience with the tools & materials related to home electricl repair. Learn to wire switches & outlets and attach fixtures. 9 am-4 pm, $20-45 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

Staying Sexual: 1-Day Wkshop for lesbian couples wanting to increase the frequency and/or quality of sex in their relationship. Get info & support, learn strategies for change. 9:30 am-5:30 pm, $50-75 SL fee per person. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 23rd Ave Exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (which merges briefly with 23rd), turn right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda & continue thru town to Otis. Turn left onto Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Circling Tennessee Valley/Marin Headlands Hike with SF Hiking Club. Moderate 9-mile hike with two separate elevation gains of 800 & 1000 ft. Auto roundtrip 30 miles, cost per car $3 gas plus $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF, to carpool. Bring lunch, water & warm clothing. Rain cancels. Led by Marko Perdih.

7 Steps to Healing Wkshop: A healing model for adults abused as children. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MFCC. (510) 444-4419.

Realizing Your Dreams in 1992: Workshop with Tasha Silver, spons by Jaya Consulting, see 2/15 listing for details.

Corona Heights Herb Walks: Learn to identify the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology, recipes for teas & wild foods. Meet 10:30 am at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, near Randall Junior Museum, SF. Dress warmly. Info/directions: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

SF Wrestling Club wkout at 11 am at 172 Prentiss St, SF. Beginners & all skill levels are welcome. Info: Jim Frazier (510) 538-8490.

BABN Forum: Join Bay Area Bisexual Network for the first in a series of forums on multiculturalism. 11:30 am-1:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, SF. Info: 564-BABN.

Team San Francisco Gen'l Membership Mtg: 3:30 pm at the Eureka Valley Community Ctr, 100 Collingwood St (behind Cala Foods), SF. Agenda: Voting on team logo design (after which TSF will pursue new uniforms for Gay Games IV), future fundraising efforts, a review of the new point system & an update on the 1992 sports festival. Info: 824-8118. Everyone welcome, but only current TSF members are eligible to vote on Team matters.

Winter Bluegrass Festival spons by the Nat'l Entertainment Network. All types of bluegrass from old-time traditional to progressive & country & western. Today's headliners include: The legendary Ralph Stanley & the *Clinch Mountain Boys*, Patsy Montana & Vern Williams. Plus area favorites—*Sidesaddle, Hijinks*, Carol McComb & *Prairie Moon, The Tarnation Band* and *The Generation Gap*. Sundays' performer's: *Brush Peak*, Nina Gerber & Scott Freed duo, *High Country*, Jim Eanes, *The Eddie Adcock Band* and superstars—*The Bluegrass Cardinals*.. At Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr on Lake Merritt in Oakland. Festival starts at noon today and at 11 am on Sunday. Plenty of room for jamming & picking—so bring your instruments along! Also free recordings given out to lucky tix holders all day! Call 285-0339 for info.

Marin BACW Video Potluck: Join Bay Area Career Women for a "discussion-worthy" film & a delicious pot luck meal. $2. For info/directions call Janet 927-3865.

BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's meeting of Black & White Men Together features a reading of gay African American poetry, hosted by Orson Titus-Maqualani. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Info: 826-BWMT.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: An eve of music, laughter, song & inspiration with Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves. Judy's new tape, *Love & Justice*, available for sale. 7:30 pm, $6-10 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/14 listing for details.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Singer/guitarist Deidre McCalla in concert. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Andean Music Concert at La Pena with *Markahuasi*. 8:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Eskimo, Zircus* and *E for Elephant*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro, Maureen Brownsey & Dan Morgan. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 23 / S U N

"Oh, Freedom!"—MCC-SF's observation of African American Freedom Month continues with Rev Jim Mitulski preaching on "Birmingham Sunday, 1963: the Martyrdom of Addie Mae, Denise, Cynthia & Carol," at the 9 am & 11 am services. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the

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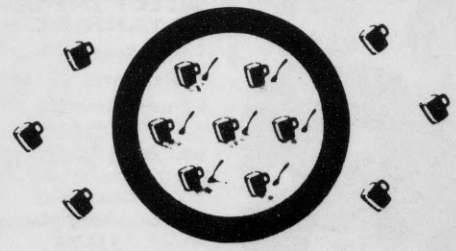

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Women's Spirit Circle meets 10:30 am-noon at Gifts of the Goddess. Group exploration of women's spirituality, led by Linda Lywandowsky & Karen Van Hog. 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Int'l Rap Show & Community Party at People's Park, in honor of Black History Month & in commemoration of the assassination of Malcolm X (2/21). Entertainers include: 2 Big MC & Lone Mixer; MCJ; Tone Legend; 12 Gauge; Black Dynasty; Lord Grayson & the Lion's Den; Lakisha; and Jamal G. 1 pm, free. Free food served by several community organizations. Spons by the People's Park Defense Union. Haste St & Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Gay/Lesbian Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Group meets today at 1 pm. Call 626-1940 for info/location.

Black History Month Celebration spons by Kenya Impex International. Guest speaker: Mutangulizi Sanyika discusses African independence, and African American cooperation. Event also includes ethnic art display, live music. Gift items for children & adults available for sale. 1-3 pm, talk begins at 2 pm. Free. Cedar Center, 1600 Shattuck Ave #120. Info: (510) 549-9953.

Bi-Friendly Women's Social Hot-Tubbing: Meet 3 pm for coffee, etc at Radio Valencia Cafe, 23rd & Valencia. At 4 pm we go to Osento, a women-only hot-tubbing establishment. 955 Valencia St nr 21st, SF.

Women Writing Poetry Group meets 4-6 pm to read & critique our work. We are a group of lesbian & straight women, and welcome other lesbian & straight women to join us: Call Kim 821-3982 for info/location.

Tea & Classics at Josie's: Monthly Sunday afternoon musicales with members of the Women's Philharmonic continues with music for french horn & harp, performed by Krista Smith & Anna-Maria Mendieta. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Bodacious bi-coastal lesbian cartoonist/opinionist Kris Kovick highlights commentary from her new book, *What I Love About Lesbian Politics Is Arguing With People I Agree With*. 5 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

A Community of Women: African American photographer Jean Weisinger at Old Wives Tales Bookstore for the opening reception of her photo show which will be on display at OWT for one month. Photos available for purchase. 6:30 pm. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Sunday Songbird Jazz Series continues at Labodega Restaurant with Miyoko. 7-9 pm, no cover. 1337 Grant St, SF. Info: 433-0439.

MCC-SF Healing Service: If you're in need of physical, spiritual or emotional healing in any part of your life, you're invited to ask for special prayers at this service. 7 pm. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

At Black Oak Books: Author Lorene Cary discusses her book, *Black Ice*, recently published in paperback. Cary tells the story of her experiences as a bright ambitious Philadelphia teenager who goes on scholarship to St Paul, an elite, formerly all-white & male school in New Hampshire. A moving, African American autobiographical narrative. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Black History Month Celebration at La Pena with Chic Street Man (of the hit play *Spunk*) and *Street Sounds* in a program of various African American musical styles ranging from rhythm & blues to gospel to civil rights songs. 7:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Poets Gary Young & Stefanie Marlis read from their work. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

FEB 24 / MON

Unemployed MidLife Lesbians Career Support Group: For lesbians who are unemployed, changing careers, newly employed or underemployed. 8 wk group spons by Options for Women Over Forty, facilitated by Lloyda French, MS. Mon 6-8 pm, low cost. Info/reg: 431-6405.

At Black Oak Books: Author Roger Kahn (*The Boys of Summer, A Season in the Sun*) reads from his first collection of sports pieces, *Games We Used to Play: Four Decades of Sports Writing*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Penny Rosenwasser, community activist & KPFA programmer, celebrates the publication of her new book, *Voices*

Perfrmanc eartist Albert Antonio "Beto" Araiza brings his one-man show to the Studio at Theatre Rhino. Check OnStage for info.

From A Promised Land: Palestinian & Israeli Peace Activists Speak Their Hearts, a series of compassionate, in-depth interviews providing readers with an inside view of the intifada, the Palestinian & Israeli women's peace movements & the Israeli peace camps. 7:30 pm, free. Anna's Restaurant, Shattuck & Alcatraz, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Upstart Stage staged reading series continues with "Hotel Perestroika" by Owen Prell. Perestroika sets the stage for a power struggle btwn a Russian artist & an old bureaucrat, attempting to come to terms with the new world order. 7:30 pm at LaVal's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Small donation requested at door. Info: (510) 527-3123.

Monday Night Marsh series, a venue for new work 15-20 minutes in length, continues with Joan Franciosa's "Cracks in the Corner", Amy Moon's "Sunshine, Sunstruck", Deborah Lewis' "Variations on a Theme" and Nina Wise's "Improvisations". 8:30 pm, $5. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Open Mind, Discriminating Mind: *Reflections on Human Possibilities*—UC Davis Professor Charles Tart, one of the world's leading experts on consciousness & human potential, has devoted more than 20 years to scientific research in parapsychology, altered states, hypnosis, meditation, dreams, mind-body relationships, humanistic & transpersonal psychology. In his new book, a fascinating collection of essays exploring the latest scientific findings about paranormal phenomena, he challenges our beliefs about where reality truly ends. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cavaret. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Vocalist Sarah Dacey presents an eve of songs celebrating women composers & lyricists. Eclectic mix of blues, cabaret & popular songs at Mason Street Wine Bar, 340 Mason St, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 391-3454.

FEB 25 / TUE

Bereavement Support Group: 12-week, closed support group for partners of people with AIDS. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. For info/reg call 861-8705.

"Black Women Crusading for a New America: Under Attack but Fighting Back!" a talk by Ethel Long-Scott. Powerful & thought-provoking presentation looking at the growing economic & class stratification within the Black community, the continuing erosion in the rights of poor people, and the important roles Black women have played in the struggle for social & economic justice in America. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center & the Black Caucus of UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

Excorcism Night at Lavendar Lounge, TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls. Pushy nuns take over the studio, stage a live exorcism, then take confessions. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

Lesbian Uprising! Political Group meets to discuss women & breast cancer. Speaker/facilitator: Judith Vogler of the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Info/location: 621-0790.

Shanti Board of Directors monthly mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Open to the public. Info: Craig Bernard 777-2273 (wkdays).

Duboce Lunch & Dinner Restaurant hosts a benefit fundraiser for GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). Guest speakers: Author Dorothy Allison and *Outlook Magazine* publisher Jeff Escoffier. 1700 Mission St at Duboce, SF. $35 tix. Seating limited. 6:30-7 pm wine bar, 7-8:30 pm dinner, 8:30-9:30 pm guest presentations & discussion. Info/res: 626-1353.

"You Deserve," a talk by Rev Andrew Bozeman at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Buddy to Buddy: Heart-to-Heart—Touch, flirt & connect to other men with intimacy. 7-9 pm at RestStop, 134 Church St, SF. Free. Info: Tommy 239-7839.

Author Gay Talese (*Honor Thy Father, Thy Neighbor's Wife, The Kingdom & the Power*) discusses his new book, *Unto the Sons*, an epic work on Italian immigrants in America. Talese uses his own family's story as a framework for this study of the immigrant experience. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info (510) 845-7852.

Black Tuesday/New Poetry Night: Black Tuesday, an irregular events series at Josie's Cabaret promoting new work by Black gay men, presents a performance/poetry night with new pieces performed by poets Alan Miller, Ran-D & Djola Bernard Branner. 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 26 / WED

Genital Herpes Study spons by UCSF seeks male & female volunteers, see 2/19 listing for details.

Support Group for Older Lesbians: New group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Bring a bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.

Free Theater Classes at Rest Stop Support Center, see 2/19 listing for details.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Michelle & David Keip of Core Dynamics present an empowerment & self-defense workshop for women. Students practice full contact fighting skills in realistic assault scenarios with a padded mock assailant. Coached & supported by female instructor & classmates, participants practice boundary setting & learning to successfully knock out an assailant of any size. 6:30 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

NGLTF Mtg: Nat'l Lesbian & Gay Task Force meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 40. Focus on personal issues: midlife transitions, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8 wk group, Wed 6:30-8 pm, low cost. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Spons by Options for Women over 40. Info/reg: 431-6405.

CDRR New Volunteer Orientation: Come join the Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights and support the struggle to make abortion & reproductive health care accessible in California. 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 441-4434.

Candlelight Prayer Service at MCC-SF, in the style of the Taize religious community. 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

At Black Oak Books: Author Susan Richards Shreve (*Country of Strangers*) reads from her new book, *Daughter of the New World*, the saga of four generations of strong, passionate women. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

New Music at the Marsh series continues with works by Barbara Imhoff & Diana Trimble—harp, vocals, and original compositions. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/14.

Tol Derricotte & Yusef Komunyakaa read from their work at Cody's Books. Derricotte has published widely in literary magazines, her latest book of poetry is entitled *Captivity*. Komunyakaa is current Holloway Lecturer at UC Berkeley; his most recent book of poetry, *Dien Cai Da u*, draws upon his experience as a soldier in the Vietnam War. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Reno in Conversation with Reno, 8 pm tonight at Herbst Theatre, SF. Part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. Solo performer Reno—Hispanic-born, WASP-adopted—discusses how she tries to tell denial from lies, contradiction from hypocrisy, and discovers how she fits in the warp & weave of the world fabric. Tix $14 & $12. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info/res: 392-4400.

FEB 27 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

The Salon Series at SFAI opens with "The Artist As Anthropologist," featuring artist Millie Wilson, whose work centers on issues of women & lesbian "otherness," and artist Lewis deSoto, who explores aspects of Native American culture. 7 pm. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

"Sri Aurobindo," the last lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Topics covered include Aurobindo Ghose; evolution of consciousness; the Mother, synthesis of yoga, karma & rebirth; the coming spiritual age; Sri Aurobindo Ashram & Auroville. 7-9 pm. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

***Grandmother Moon* Celebration** at Gifts of the Goddess: An eve in celebration of Z Budapest's new book, *Grandmother Moon*. Ceremony, readings, booksigning & tarot readings by Z, 5-7 pm, $3-8 SL, or free with book purchase. Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Coming Out Stories" Come share yours! All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Video Party/Guatemalan-Mayan New Year Celebration at La Pena: Celebrate publication of John Curl's book, *Columbus in the Bay of Pigs*. Music, author's reading, plus screening of *The Columbus Invasion* video. 7:30 pm, $2-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

David Weissman Justifies Himself: Frameline's ongoing program of monthly screenings at the Eye Gallery. Weissman, director of *Beauties Without a Cause* and *Complaints*, gives an intro to several of his films & discusses his choice of subjects & style of work. Doors open at 7 pm, program starts at 7:30. $5. Info: 861-5245. 1151 Mission St, SF.

Thulani Davis reads from her powerful first novel, *1959*. The book tells the story of Willie Tarrant, who comes of age in a world on the brink of change. 8 pm. Part of Cody's Books celebration of Black History Month. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

***Cebu* at Modern Times:** Author Peter Bacho reads from his novel *Cebu*, the story of an American- born Filipino priest who travels to the Phillipines to bury his mother & finds himself in circumstances that challenge his faith. A profoundly unsettling look at a cycle of violence, revenge & martyrdom starting in Cebu City during the Japanese occupation & moving to the immigrant community in Seattle. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 2/14.

GALLERIES

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Related special event: 3/19: Roundtable panel discussions of women in the arts & political correctness in cartoon art. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. Related special events: 2/27: "40 Acres & A Pen," a discussion with artists Morrie Turner, Michael Davis, Shep Hendrix, Denys Cowan & Charles Belle. 4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Living in Someone Else's Paradise," an installation by Millie Wilson, a presentation of the most recent work in her ongong series, "The Museum of Lesbian Dreams." thru 3/7. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: Paintings & sculpture by Lawrence Hacken. Exhibit runs thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon, Fri & Sat, 11 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 749-1849.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of new lithographs by Sandro Chia & Rene Gruau. Thru 2/15. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 12-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "Snow in SF", an exhibit of work by filmmaker, photographer, sculptor, painter & musician Michael Snow, 2/16-3/21. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 749-4588.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Many Mansions," an exhibit of works by over 20 artists that transforms the premise of the dwelling; thru 2/22. "Tivaivai: Cook Island Coverlets," 2/29-4/5, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. "Doris Miller: Raku Vessels," on exhibit 2/29-4/25, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Seeing Through 'Paradise,' Artists & the Terezin Concentration Camp," thru 3/22. "The Here & the Hereafter: Images of Paradise in Islamic Art," thru 3/22. "Is What Is: An Installation by Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds", thru 4/5. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of ceramic art work, thru 3/6. Artists include Bobbie Altman, Willie Harris, James Heartsill, Sana Krusoe, Nancy Legge, Dan McIntyre, James Morris, Rosita Pardo, Sonya Popow, Leah Ritchie, Don Santos, Helen Stewart, Robert Turner, Stan Welsh & Jerry Williams. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

John Pence Gallery: "Landscapes & Seascapes: Past & Present," exhibit of works by Donald Davis, Peter Holbrook, Donald Jurney, Randall Lake, Michael Lynch, Dorothy Morgan & Evan Wilson, along with noted American painters from the past, to illustrate the continuation of a strong academic tradition. Thru 3/13. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm. Info: 441-1138.

Vision Gallery: Vintage & contemporary landscape photographs by Ansel Adams, Robert Bourdeau, Christopher Burkett, Richard Lohmann and others. Thru 2/29. Also photos by Czech photographer Jirka Stach, thru 2/29. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "New Views," exhibit of works by Michael Bartlett, Richard Biernacki, Jamey Brzezinski, Dewitt Cheng, Dana Chodzko, Paul Douglas, Kalani Engles, Tom Foolery, Urs Gut, Fred Hayes, Bonita Helmer & others. Thru 2/29. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Pro Arts Gallery: Paintings by Anita Lappi, mixed media works by Katrien Maenhaut & an installation by Ed Osborn; on exhibit thru 2/15. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361. WA (Wheelchair Accessible).

The Lab Gallery: "Rodney Is Her Name!" exhibit by visual artist Rodney O'Neal Austin, 2/26-3/28, opening reception 2/26, 5:30-7:30 pm. Related performance—Austin appears as Velma Void in "I Could Rip Your Lips Off!" 3/6 & 7 at 8 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Artwork of Robert Herhusky: Works of Cast Glass, Wood & Metal," on exhibit thru 2/22. "The Artwork of Jane Handel: Paintings, Drawings, Assemblage, Manuscripts," 2/25-4/4, opening reception 2/29 6-9 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by David Simpson, drawings by Gabrielle Bakker, on exhibit thru 2/15. 228 Grant Ave, SF.

Asian Erotic Exhibit of antique Chinese, Japanese, Indian & contemporary Hawaiian erotic art from the collection of Terry Guthrie, thru 3/7 at Good Vibrations. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 550-7399.

Art of the Grateful Dead: Exhibit of paintings, prints, photos, posters, jewelry & sculpture; thru 2/28. Artrock Gallery, 1153 Misson St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

Anthony Michael Valentino: A Retrospective. Paintings & masks, lithographs in collaboration with Doreen Bortman. Opening reception 2/16, 2-5 pm, show runs 2/13-29 at KBBK Studios. 465 Broderick at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 2-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

New Paintings by SF artist Bruce Lauritzen on exhibit thru 2/21 in the Faculty Club Galleries at Stanford University. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm; Sat & Sun 1-6 pm. Info: 321-3149 or 512-0709.

Sculptures/Fixtures by noted lighting designer Pam Morris. Capson Artsvision Showroom, 2 Henry Adams St, Ste 489, SF. Thru 2/21. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm. Info: 863-2117.

Recent Work by Patricia Sannit on exhibit at Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes St, SF. Thru 2/23. Info: 626-1936.

"Body As A Temple," production pottery by Karen Casino at Mind Frame Gallery thru 2/15. 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-8226.

Images from France: Color photos by Reid Yalom on exhibit thru 2/29. Alliance Francaise, 1345 Bush St, SF. Info: 775-7755.

Paintings by Vicky Chaet on exhibit at Sweet Inspirations, 2239 Market St, SF. thru 3/6.

Jill Poesner: Theatre Photographs (1975-91)—Jill Poesner exhibits a decade and a half of performance photos at Josie's Cabaret, through February. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm, Mon-Fri; 9 am-7 pm, Sat & Sun. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Paris Connections: An exhibit of African American artists who have drawn inspiration from Paris. Works by Jean-Michel Basquiat, Romare Bearden, Arthur Beatty, Hart Leroy Bibbs, Barbara Chase-Riboud, Ed Clark, Robert Colescott, Beauford Delaney, Herbert Gentry, Sam Gilliam, Bill Hutson, Lois Mailou Jones, John Outterbridge, Larry Potter, Faith Ringgold, Raymond Saunders & Bob Thompson. Exhibit runs concurrently thru 2/29 at Bomani Gallery, 251 Post St, SF and Jernigan Wicker Fine Arts, 2426 California St, SF. Info: 296-8677 Bomani, 922-2213 Jernigan.

Recent work by Bruce Weinberg & Andy Harader on exhibit at Joanne Chappell Gallery, 2/13-3/27. Reception 2/13, 5:30-8 pm. 625 2nd St, Ste 400, SF. Info: 777-5711.

Recent work by Sharon Siskin on exhibit thru 2/22 at JFK University, 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 253-2226.

"Kingdom of Rain," works by Renata on exhibit at Au Rendezvous Cafe, 2433 Shattuck Ave, btwn Haste & Channing, Berkeley. Info: 841-6747. Thru 2/29.

ON STAGE

Echoes by N Richard Nash and **The Fantastic Lodge** by Howard Becker. "Echoes" is the story of a man & women living in a room in a mental institution. "The Fantastic Lodge" is a one woman/one act performance based on the life of a female heroin addict during the 1950s. Produced by Daedalus Studio & Allow Productions. Runs Fri at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 7 pm, thru 2/23. Tix $10. Daedalus Studio, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-0377.

Twin and **Lola** at Intersection: "Twin" by Cynthia Moore is tells the story of two adult twins who refuse to communicate with the outside world. "Lola" is a dance theatre piece choreographed by John LeFan, Anne Aronov & Freddie Long, it is based on the life of Lola Huth, a soloist with the Jose Limon Co in the 50s & 60s, who died of an illegal abortion shortly before the Supreme Court passed Roe vs Wade. "Twin" plays 2/13-14, 22-23, 27-28. "Lola" plays 2/15-16, 20-21, 29, 3/1. 8 pm. Tix $10 & $12. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

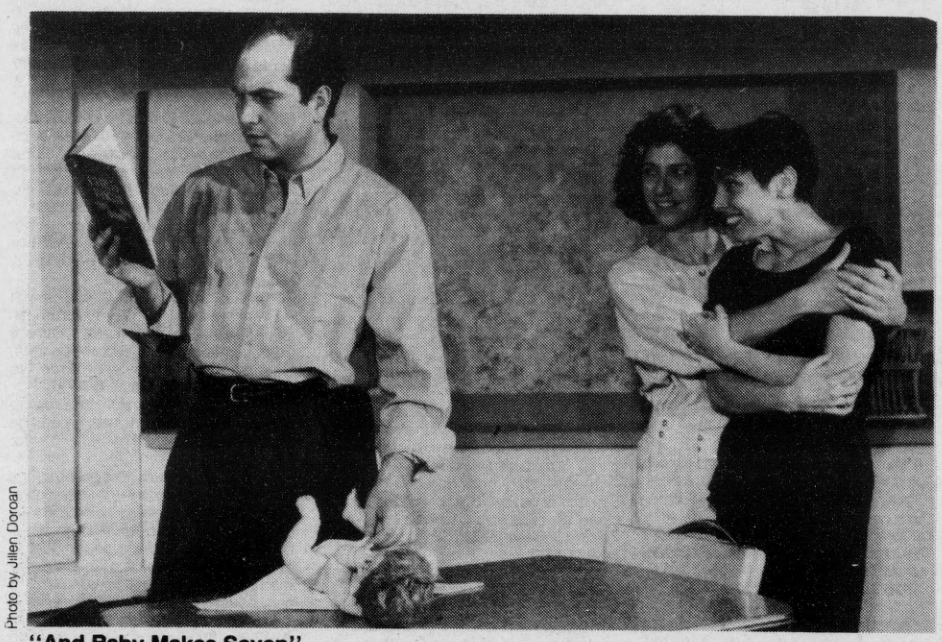
The Saga of the Six Chick Dicks by Cliff Mayotte & Sean Owens. A film-noir comedy set in mysterious 1940s SF. Harvest Theatre Co production. Runs thru 2/16 at EXITheatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. 8 pm Thus-Sat, 7 pm Sun. Tix $10 gen'l, Thursdays are "pay as you go" performances. Info/res: 563-1431.

Rhythm & Dance performed by Steve Zee & Bill Duffy. Tap dance, jazz, piano & comedy in a New Vaudeville-style show. Original songs, dances & dialogue. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thr 2/23. Tix $15. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

Wild Blue by Joe Pintauro. A collection of short plays on gay themes. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs 5 pm on 2/15, 3 pm & 8 pm on 2/16, 8 pm on 2/19 & 20. Tix $11-$17. Info/res: 861-5070. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF.

Grand Hotel, the Tony Award-winning hit musical directed & choreographed by Tommy Tune. Set in 1928 Berlin, this re-creation of the bestselling novel is about power & poverty, ballrooms & boardrooms, scandal & romance, suspense & survival. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, with Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 2/16. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

McTeague: A Tale of San Francisco adapted by Neal Bell from the Frank Norris novel chronicling turn-of-the-century life in the Bay Area. A tale of obsession & corruption, capturing the brutal vitality of the West still reeling from the excesses of the California Gold Rush. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm thru 2/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 2/15; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 2/20. Tix $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun; $29 Fri & Sat; $21 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.



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"And Baby Makes Seven"

Mother Wove the Morning one-woman show by author/performer Carol Lynn Pearson. Pearson portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 2/29 at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $19. Info/res: 861-8972.

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/8 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

The Gospel According to Wayne/Waves of Gravity & Time, solo performance by Wayne Corbitt. A contemporary sermon performed in the African American pentecostal tradition served from the left, and infused with Corbitt's engaging personal history, integrity, humor & revelations. Extended thru Feb. 2/15, 22, 29 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's annual "Lift Every Voice" series features Robert Alexander's **Henry O Tanner: Portrait of an African American Artist** featuring actor Bennet Guillory as Tanner. Runs 2/13-16 At Florence Gould Theatre, Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, SF at 8 pm, Thurs-Sat, with matinee performances at 3:30 pm on 2/15-16 at the Trustees Auditorium, deYoung Museum, SF. For tix prices & other info call 750-7667.

Re/Membering Aunt Jemima (An Act of Magic) by Glenda Dickerson & Breena Clarke. Play pushes the boundaries of traditional African American theatre by exploring and re-thinking the myth of Aunt Jemima, in order to shatter the stereotypes that imprison African American women. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production. Runs 2/13-16, 19-23. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800.

Sophocles' Antigone by Bertolt Brecht, translated by Judith Molina. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 3/14. Bannam Theatre production. 50 Bannam St, SF. Info/res: 362-7632.

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Whatever Happened to BB Jane? A musical developed by Wayne Buidens. High-camp extravaganza, a raucous, contagious parody. Multi-talented ensemble sing & dance the lives of two aging Hollywood stars. BB Productions. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru February. Tix: $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $15 Fri & Sat. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Info/res: 626-7544.

Leonardo da Vinci & the Possibility of Human Flight by Michael Andrew Walton. Play addresses the frustrations of the human condition. El Mico Bravo production. Play has a split run, playing 2/13-3/1 at Berkeley's Theatre of the Blue Rose; runs 3/6-22 at Somar Theatre in SF. For tix info/res: 441-8927.

What's Wrong With This Picture?, written & performed by Grace Walcott. A hilariously comic mystery tale of the struggle between a mother & her daughter for separate identities. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/1. Tix $6-9 SL fee on Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. 8 pm. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Zoo Story by Edward Albee. Harrowing portrait of a young person alienated from the human race. A dissection of the results of loneliness on the individual in modern society. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8, through 2/29. Tix $4-8 SL. Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina St btwn 5th & 6th, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

The Suicide by Nikolai Erdman, translated by Peter Tegel. Classic Russian comedy takes place in the late 1920s, after the glow of the Revolution has dimmed. SF Playhouse Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sat thru 2/29 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed & Thurs (two for one on Wed); $12 Fri & Sat. The On-Broadway, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Info/res: 762-2277, 398-1541.

The Barbecue by James J O'Grady, script developed thru improv by actors Fred Bald, Edith Bryson, Richard Lindstrom, Margie Pratchenko, John Ryan & Joann Sloane. Play about gender conflicts that arise at a San Carlos backyard neighborhood barbecue. Off-Garde Theatre Group production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 2/22. Tix $8 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat. Opening night gala weenie roast, $15. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St btwn Bryant & Potrero, SF. Info/res: 771-7188.

Cyrano De Bergerac by Edmond Rostand, translated by Brian Hooker, adapted by Dennis Powers. Actor Peter Donat reprises his role as the poetic soldier with an out-sized nose in this ACT production of Rostand's tour de force of dramatic poetry. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 3/14. $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Mason & Powell, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

Greek by Steven Berkoff. Powerful & erotic modern-day Oedipus story, set in working-class England. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 2/22. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12 stdnts & srs, $14 previews, $17-21 gen'l. Info/res: 441-8822.

Tsunami—The Next Wave in Asian American Performance Art, a series of performances produced by Asian American Theater Co's Exponential Arts Program. Wed-Sun thru 2/16 at Asian American Theater Center, Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Performance Schedule: 2/13-16—Dan Kwong's **Tales of the Fractured Tao** uses slides, silhouette screen & recorded voices & music to report on the condition of the family in Asian American life. Info: 751-2600.

Substance of Things Hoped For, a trilogy by Andrew Caldwell. Examines the faith & revelations faced by three people: a young girl institutionalized following an incestuous rape, a young gay man hospitalized with AIDS, and an elderly homeless woman living on the streets of Washington, DC. Runs Sun at 2 pm thru 3/29 at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St in SF. Tix $8 at door. Info: (707) 649-1407.

The Abdication by Ruth Wolfe. Story of Queen Christina, a powerful, influential & controversial 17th century woman. SF State School of Creative Arts production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 2/13-16 & 19-23. Studio Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 338-2467.

Nude Zapata by Richard Talavera. Alarmed by Jesse Helms' recent censorship campaign, an eccentric Latina playwright decides to reveal the little-known truth about the 1951 movie classic "Viva Zapata"—maybe. El Teatro de la Eseranza. Runs thru 3/8, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 Thurs, Sun & opening night; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 255-2320.

Miss Julie by Strindberg. Classic drama skewering class distinctions—a proud, aristocratic woman is seduced by her father's valet. North Beach Repertory production. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, $12, thru 3/12. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth, (third floor in the Cannery) SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

Beauty & the Beast for Flamenco, an adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Irene Haughey for 18 dancer/singers. Phoenix Theatre production. Opens 2/14 at 8 pm, $13. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 3 pm, $10. Thru 3/22. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423 or 621-5338.

Foolin' Around With Infinity by Steven Dietz. Story about the relationships of three people in a nuclear missile control site confronted with the responsibility of pushing the button. Fourth Monkey Ensemble production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 2/20-3/7. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Dolores Community Center, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info/res: 681-7095.

A Little Madness Will Cure It or Locura Lo Cura by the three-man guerrilla comedy troupe, Chicano Secret Service. Asian American Theater Company Exponential Arts Program & the Mexican Museum production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 7 pm thru 3/1. $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Ten PM Dream, premiere of choreographer Della Davidson's work based on the late Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," a dark, funny & often sexually charged retelling of Grimm's fairy tales. Previews 3/10 at 8:30 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 3/15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 & $14. Info/res: 621-7797.

The Krewe of Neptune and **Alligator Tales** by Anne Galjour. Spicy tales from the Cajun Bayou. At Climate Theatre, Thurs-Sun thru 3/8. 8 pm. 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10-14. Info/res: 626-9196.

Meat My Beat, LA solo performance artist presents a variety of songs in a performance art format, affirming the lesbian & gay experience. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 2/29. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Deep in a Dream of You, David Cale in a one-man show at Life in the Water. A collection of 12 thematically linked monologues told from different men & women's points of view. Opens 2/19 at 8 pm; runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm (except 2/23 & 3/8, at 2 pm) thru 3/15. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

And Baby Makes Seven by Paula Vogel. A darkly comic play revolving around the fears & fantasies of parents-to-be, a quirky look at the contemporary American family. Central Works production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 2/29, Sun at 7 pm on 2/16 & 23. La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, nr Hearst, Berkeley. Tix $8. Info/res: (510) 549-0753.

Voyage to Lesbos, by the NY-based performance group, The Five Lesbian Brothers. Play is "based on & twisted out of" the 1950's book, written by a psychiatrist who claimed to have "cured" lesbianism in a patient. Play incorporates cross-gender casting, musical numbers, high camp & fine ensemble performing. 2/27-29 at 8 pm, Fri & Sat performances at 8 & 10 pm. Tix $6. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 626-5416.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510)

313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

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► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

STOP at SF General Hospital: The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required: Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Chanticleer in concert at Calvary Presbyterian Church. See 2/29 for info.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bisexual Artists: Social group for bisexuals with artistic, musical, literary or performing talent. Biweekly mtgs, SF location. Info: Steve 756-8431.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbian Fiction Contest: 2nd Annual Spinsters Book Company contest. $1000 prize. Quality, well-crafted fiction focusing on the lives of lesbians sought. Submissions must be postmarked no later than 2/28. For contest rules write to: Spinsters Book Co, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141. No phone calls.

Still Indivisible: The editors of *Indivisible: New Short Fiction by West Coast Gay & Lesbian Writers* seek submissions for a second volume of this successful anthology. Literary short fiction of the highest quality that refelcts the diversity of the West Coast in terms of gender, culture, politics & longitude are sought. Work by African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American writers is especially encouraged. Stories need not be gay or lesbian-themed, but should be excellently-written, and not published previously or under consideration elsewhere. Send 2 copies of no more than 3 stories, typed, double-spaced on 8½ × 11 white paper. Include a brief bio, and send SASE for a response. Send to: Terry Wolverton, 3359 Garden Ave, LA 90039. Deadline: 2/1.

Pro Arts 10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios (to be held 5/9-10, 16-17) seeks artists interested in prsenting their work at this annual event to be held in May this year, instead of the customary June. Entry fee $15. For addt'l requirements & other info call Denise Maunder, Open Studios Coordinator 331-7819 or leave a mesasge at Pro Arts (510) 763-4361. Deadline: 2/3.

Frameline is accepting entries for the 16th SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, to be held 6/19-28. Accepted formats: 35mm, 16mm, super-8, ¼" & ½" (NTSC). No entry fee, but return postage must accompany all entries. Work by women & people of color is especially encouraged. All genres & forms encouraged. For more info/entry forms contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF, CA 94114; 861-5245. Deadline: 3/1.

Sex Cabaret: David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater for an evening series of pansexual multidisciplinary art including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art and sex-related slideshows of artwork. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Theatre Rhinoceros is accepting submissions for a new theatre piece exploring gay & lesbian weddings. The focus of the piece is on the diverse ways gays choose to commemorate their unions, as opposed to their straight counterparts. Short scenes, monologues & songs exploring the subject from different angles are sought. The project is directed by Paul Sagan and will be workshopped in the Studio Theatre in spring of 1992. Send submissions to: Theatre Rhinoceros, The Wedding Project, 2926 16th St, SF CA 94103. For more info contact Doug Holsclaw 552-4100.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game & Card Night: A Sat night lesbian & gay alternative. Every Sat from 6-10 pm starting 2/1. Pacific Center, Berkeley. Bring board games, cards, and friends. Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.

Dark Shadows Club: Monthly gatherings. Videos, potlucks, fun. Various Bay Area locations. Call Neil 255-7672 for info.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. Call 346-0475. For listings ($2 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.
Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, nonjudgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where

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LONG-TERM RECOVERY

If you've been clean and sober for at least one year, ask yourself:

YES	NO	Is sex threatening my recovery?	YES	NO	Is grief making it hard for me to stay clean and sober?
YES	NO	Is maintaining safe sex difficult for me clean and sober?	YES	NO	Is one of my favorite songs in recovery "Is That All There Is"?
YES	NO	Does my HIV status impact my recovery?	YES	NO	Does the thought of change frighten me?
YES	NO	Are my current relationships running on "old tapes"?	YES	NO	Am I afraid of relapsing?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, 18th Street Services can help you.

18th Street Services now offers a Long-Term Recovery Group to gay and bisexual men who have been clean and sober for at least one year. This group is open to both graduates of 18th Street Services as well as to gay and bisexual men who have never been through our program. We know that getting clean and sober is hard and that maintaining your sobriety is equally difficult.

Call us. Our services are offered at a sliding scale and no one is turned away for lack of money. Insurance is accepted. Our staff is gay, bisexual and multicultural. We can give you the help you need. 18th Street Services cares.

Space is limited. Call now.

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861-4898 (English); 861-8803 (Spanish)

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both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.
Language Practice/Social Group (Dutch, French, Italian) for people of color who were born/raised in Europe, traveled there, or simply enjoy foreign languages. All fluency levels & other languages are welcome. Open to open-minded gays, bisexuals & transgenderists. Info: 431-3860.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.
Bisexual Artists Group, see Bisexual Groups.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. 1590 Market St at Franklin, SF 94102. Info: 252-5914.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bi-monthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

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Faye Carol takes the stage at Josie's, Feb. 14.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.
Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Leave name & number at 773-9389 or write SF Ruscophiles, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details. All levels welcome.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Party Posse: For artistic, intelligent-types who can have fun. If you can dance till dawn without drugs, alcohol, pot or tobacco and feel comfortable with various racial, gender & orientation backgrounds (gays, bisexuals, transsexuals) write Party Posse, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going, roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language.eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock,

pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

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Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

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Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

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Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

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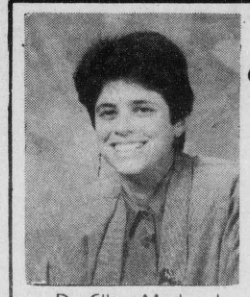

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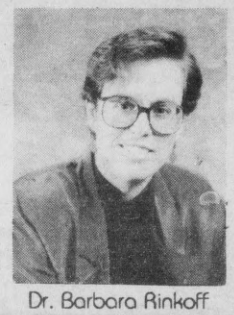

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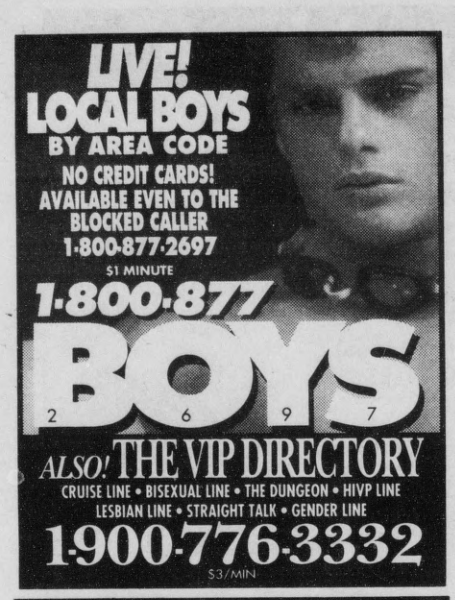

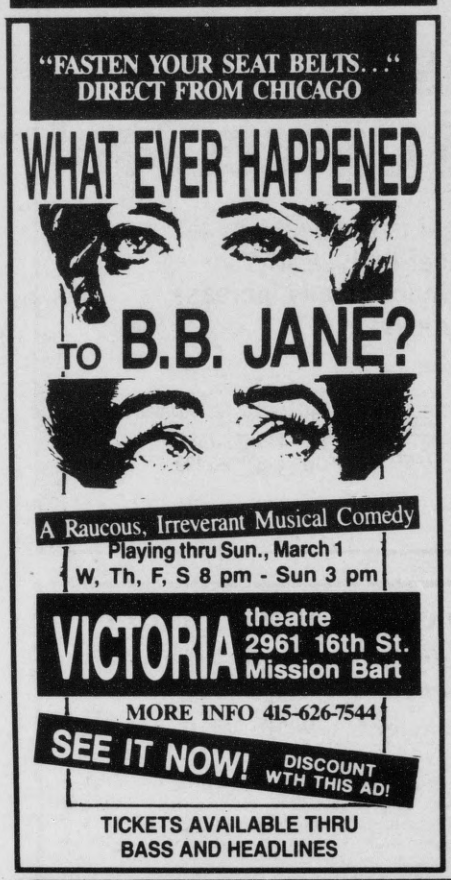
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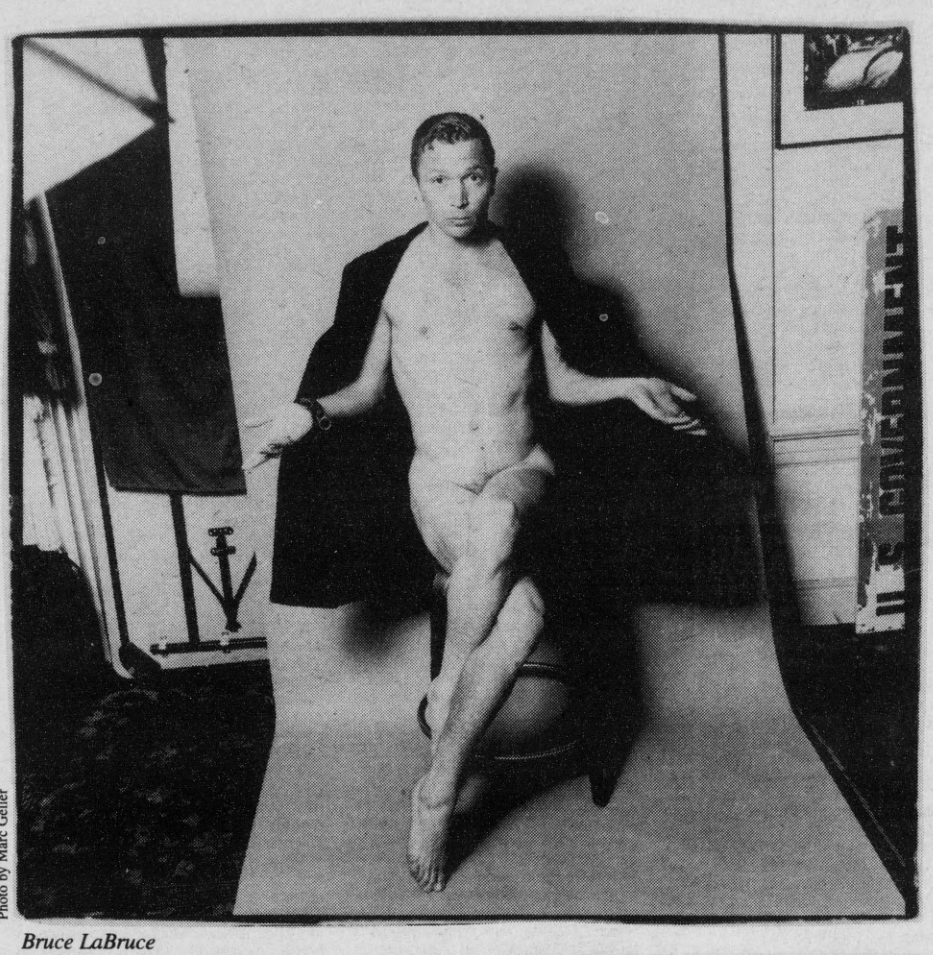
BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

SPEW: 'Zine Time

News of the upcoming SPEW conference in L.A. has been springing up in all the local gay papers lately, creating a media snowball effect that has captured the interest of many people who know very little about the entire underground 'zine scene. This seems a bit funny to me because one of the main feelings I've noticed as prevalent in the majority of the publications this event celebrates is a complete and utter disdain for assimilationist gay press publications, like the ones that are drumming up an interest in this event.

SPEW, which stands for projectile vomiting, is a convention for producers of 'zines—those bitchy, filthy and brilliant, cheaply produced yet often stunning little publications on the magazine rack at A Different Light Bookstore. They have names like *Homoture, Bimbox, Chainsaw, J.D.'s, Cunt, Whorezine, Fertile Latoyah Jackson, S.C.A.B., Fuzzbox, On Our Rag, Three Dollar Bill,* etc., all with a different tones, focus and purpose of existence. That's kind of a cheery little description of what a 'zine is, but what I most enjoy and applaud about them is their complete anti-establishment attitude. It seems to inspire the most edgy, sick-fuck, twisted up, beyond outrage things I've ever seen in print: lists of ten reasons that William Burroughs should be killed right this instant, short homo-punk sex stories, L.A. celebrity sex gossip that vividly describes Michael J. Fox's craving for boy butt or the yeast infection Whitney gets from the steady strap-on poundings Jody gives her, complete histories of the Partridge Family, musing dyke memories of getting wet over Kristy McNichol, squatting instructions for the urban skater, interviews that are completely fabricated for fun, reviews of a Peggy Lee show that divulge her near-complete baldness via some punk fag hairdresser, outlandishly cruel and hilarious attacks on groups like men, breeders, specially abled women's music festival attendees and the gay and lesbian community, posthumous trashings of Rock Hudson, "in-ing" people instead of outing, etc.



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Bruce LaBruce

The amount of 'zines produced worldwide is astonishing and the range of their subject matter specialized beyond belief. Pick up a copy of *Fact Sheet Five,* the one and only 'zine catalogue with just about every bit of info you could ever need about 'zines and note the array.

This SPEW conference is the second such event ever, the first occurring in Chicago under the cute and topical name, the Homographic Convergence. The event took place with films, performances by many luminaries of the 'zine world variety, and representatives from many 'zines nationwide meeting each other and evaluating who among them are really as cool as their 'zines and stuff.

The notorious producers of *Bimbox* and *S.C.A.B.* (Society for Complete Annihilation of Breeders, or something like that) out of Toronto, Rex Boy and Johnny Noxzema, printed their views of the Homographic Convergence in a following issue of *S.C.A.B.* They also sent out copies of stories from Chicago newspapers on the event and a large reprint of their own sentiments as well to most of the 'zines involved. It was a vicious and bitchy diatribe with references to "mere gays and lesbians" being allowed in to the event (*Bimbox* long ago, as queers, declared war on the gay and lesbian community), along with "the most disgusting fool lesbians imaginable," "sexist radical faeries," and "horrible art people." They also said that SPEW "brought to light just how many dead branches there are yet to prune on the queer tree," and referred to the event as "a disgusting, money-sucking failure." Then they printed their list of 11 different 'zines that luckily landed in their favor, given the Johnny Noxzema/Rex Boy seal of approval.

The attitude of this letter finally stopped me from my usual response to their notorious statements, which is uncontrollable laughter. It made me respond in the way they try to make people respond, with anger and outrage. Well, not really; I wasn't that upset, but the overall tone was so suggestive of a witch hunt for the uncool, an elitist view put forth so strongly that it reeked of the same old stench that permeates the so-called gay assimilationist newspapers and magazines whose refusal to acknowledge the endeavors of the underground is perhaps the very reason the 'zine thing even exists.

I know that the fellows at Bimbox *have claimed that their outrageousness is more a tool for provoking thought than offending people... but they seemed to be not only attacking their readers but also dictating boundaries for a movement that should be without them.*

Perhaps that's taking it a bit too far. I know the fellows at *Bimbox* have claimed that their outrageousness is more a tool for provoking thought than offending people and that often they are taken too seriously, but they seemed to be not only attacking their readers and supporters but also dictating boundaries for a movement that should be without them. As I am writing this and choosing words, I'm becoming completely frightened of the horrible trashing I may get from this pair when they read it. Not! I can't wait to be trashed by these bitches. I love them. I've also had the pleasure of meeting them last time they were in town and they weren't nearly as scary as I thought they'd be. They mostly seemed interested in any naughty tidbits I could come up with on Bruce LaBruce, who was just through town for the film festival's showing of his work, *No Skin Off My Ass.* Bruce is also the founder of the 'zine *J.D.'s,* one of the earliest, best and most notable of them all. Johnny and Rex seemed like a harmless pair of bitch queens trying to start a 'zine war, nothing new to any gay... uh... queer bar. We talked a bit about a few things, none of which seemed to interest them more than Justin Bond. They were dying to meet him because he trashed Bruce in a column once, which Johnny had in his wallet, printed word for word on a card.

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

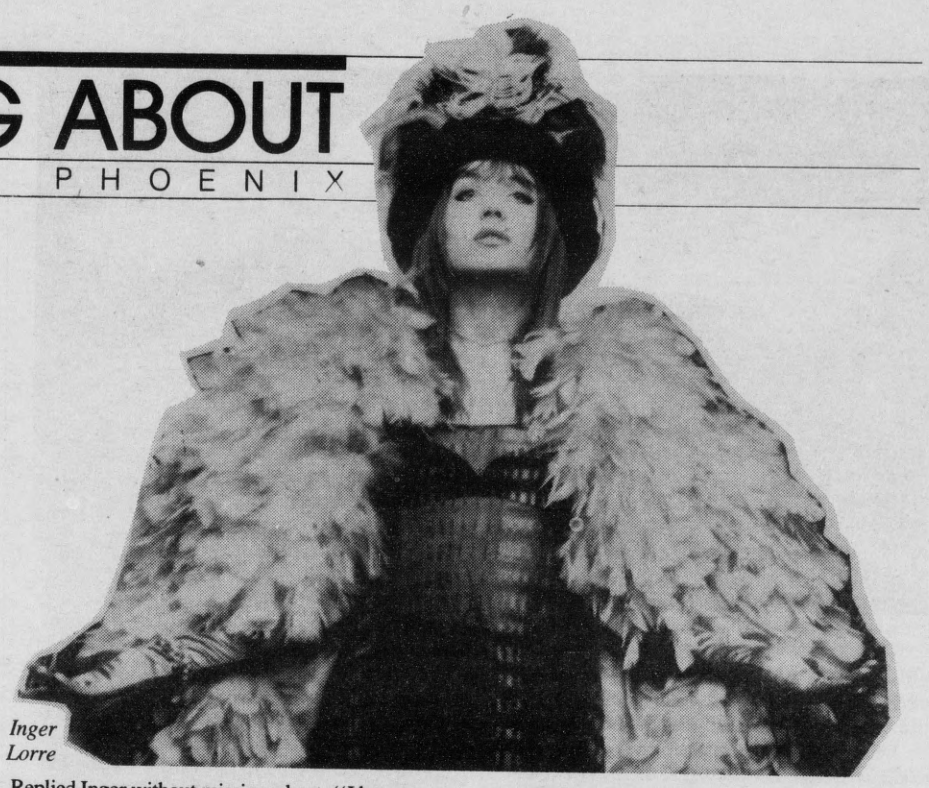
NYMPHS
I-Beam, Jan. 29

I get suspicious when I hear major label record companies singing the praises of "wild" female singers in otherwise male bands, particularly when the band's name is something like oh, say, the Nymphs. Inger Lorre of said band has all the requisite wild credentials, having peed on the desk of a record company exec and gone through drug rehab. However, the woman can also sing and write songs, which earns her a place in this column.

The Nymphs' self-titled debut release on Geffen is admirably hard-edged, and Lorre's lyrics of despair and alienation hit home. You know something's up when you see a quote from angst-ridden homo poet Rimbaud on the sleeve. Lorre, you see, is not a happy woman. The press notes say she's lost five friends to suicide, and her lyrics bear this out. Death songs include "Imitating Angels," "Death of a Scenester" and "Heaven," in which Inger declares, "I really hate the sun for shinin' today." This is music to kill yourself by, and I like it for that honesty. Let's face it: Life isn't easy, and if you just wanna get it over with, why pretend otherwise? I'm sure many of us queers have felt the same way.

The show at the I-Beam thoroughly lived out my good feelings about Ms. Lorre, who made her entrance carrying a giant fan, with feathers sprouting from her head Medusa-style. The look called to mind the apparition of Cyndi Lauper. I found it hard to shake this initial image, even when Lorre opened her mouth to let fly a voice filled with rage and disillusionment. Her manner veered from the pouting of "Just One Happy Day" to the unleashed scorn of "Revolt." Inger's a freak. I like her.

I bore witness to the interesting homoerotic male bonding rituals of rock shows, what with oh-so-straight young men flinging their bodies around, grabbing at each other. In this case, some were trying to get at Inger, but not all... One woman joined in by jumping onstage during the anthem "Sad and Damned" and received a full-on-the-lips kiss from Inger for her trouble. Lorre's act contains more than a hint of pathos. After she dedicated a song to her late fiance, Chris Schlosshardt, a man in the back yelled, "You're next!"



Inger Lorre

Replied Inger without missing a beat, "I hope so, Honey." Yikes. Catch her now is all I can say.

SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES
Kaiser Convention Center, Jan. 31

I could start off with something nasty like "how the mighty have fallen," but let's just say this wasn't the best Banshees show ever, and the two-thirds capacity crowd didn't help matters. Siouxsie, looking frightfully "normal," leapt about agilely enough, but something about the show was just *off*. Bummed is how I felt leaving after hearing Siouxsie careen wildly off key during an encore of "Israel." The woman is a goddess, but even goddesses have their off days. So, I'll stick with kind thoughts, like how Siouxsie has always been an icon, whether for punks, goths or pop tarts. Or those intriguing rumors that she had an affair with Blondie's Debbie Harry back in their punk days. For more current pleasantries, check out *Superstition*, the Banshees' latest foray into shadowy pop. Here we find Siouxsie begging her "Little Sister" to break the rules and come back, while on "Got to Get Up," she pulls herself together to kick up a storm. Feast or famine—that's Siouxsie's way, I guess.

BABES IN TOYLAND
I-Beam, Feb. 1

This seems to be the angry women column, so Babes in Toyland fit right in. Springing fully armored from Minneapolis, the three women of BIT create a cacophony of rage, much of it directed at men. Lead singer Kat Bjelland writes most of the lyrics, admittedly from her various bad relationships, hence the lyrical theme. She used to play in a band in San Francisco with Courtney Love and Jennifer of L7. The other BIT members are Lori Barbero on drums and Michelle Leon on bass. Their stage show has the band spread out across the stage, giving them equal space to be seen. Unfortunately, I found myself wedged behind two huge men, who stepped in front of me just as the show began. Then the slam pit expanded to half the space, endangering those of us who preferred to watch the stage. Thus, my attention drifted often from the happenings onstage to more immediate concerns, like my safety. The lyrics were pretty much unintelligible anyway because of crappy acoustics and Kat's screeching vocals. I recommend the band's two releases on Twin/Tone to hear their rantings more clearly. My particular faves are "Mad Pilot" and "Primus." Anyway, they kicked up quite a rumpus onstage. Kat was adorned in a schoolgirlish dress and stockings, coming across as a fresh-faced 12-year-old. I tried to see if she was wearing Buster Brown shoes, but the monitors blocked my line of sight. Babes in Toyland have just been signed to (Gulp) Warner Bros., a marriage probably made in hell, but then, most marriages are, eh? I hope they get something out of it.

RANCH ROMANCE
Slim's, Feb. 7

There was no anger here, just some fine western swinging by this Seattle band. Originally a four-piece acoustic band of women, they've toured with k.d. lang and played Michigan in 1990, earning a big lesbian following. I hate to burst anyone's bubble, but they're not all queer. Nope, if the truth be known, the band is a mix of straight and gay, and now includes one man. Oh, well. Despite lineup changes and a shift in sound, they've retained the mix of fine musicianship and quirky sense of humor that mark them as a band to watch. *Blue Blazes* on Sugar Hill Records is their second release and signals a move toward singer Jo Miller's original songs, which cover the country spectrum from weeper to shit-kicking stomper. Onstage, Miller turned a few heads with her stylin' dyke-on-the-range look. Fiddle player Barbara Lamb, wearing *the* gaudiest skirt I've seen, traded solos with accordion player Nora Karina Devonie (a Geena Davis look-alike) and electric guitarist David Keenan. Clevinger bassist Nancy Katz rounded out the membership. Miller

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Beat This...

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During their visit they were interviewed by Adam Block for a story in *The Advocate*, a publication whose entire staff had been put on the *Bimbox* Hit List of people who need to be killed. Marc Geller photographed the pair for that story and later they called him and asked that Rex Boy's face not be shown at all in the publication because he's a psychiatrist and his patients might see it and become disturbed. This is a traditional practice for someone in that profession. Let's hear it for tradition. I guess some things are sacred, like professional reputation and money. But who the fuck cares and don't pretend I do. I care more about the abundance of references to Johnny Noxzema's huge dick dotting the pages of *Bimbox* back issues, not because of the obvious flexing of an offensive male dominance thing, but rather because I like big dicks and I want to read more about Johnny's. I have never laughed as hard over the written word as I do when I read *Bimbox*. I hear that Johnny and Rex will be attending SPEW.

But enough about them, let's talk about SPEW. On opening night, Feb. 28, there will be bands performing. Glue from L.A., and at press time I heard it might not be true, but Hole, the greatest band in the world, was reportedly asked to play and singer Courtney Love agreed to it, then turned around three weeks later and said, "I never said that." They're trying to convince her but at this time I don't know for sure. But I do know three girls in San Francisco who would like all the clothes that Courtney stole from them back, now that she's big shit and all. The Saturday line-up on Feb. 29 will feature performers and a few readings. Dennis Cooper will be there as will Pansy Division, Tribe 8, DeeAundra Peek, Joan Jett Black from Chicago who is also kicking off a presidential campaign, let's get a queen in the White House, and Cholita, the female Menudo featuring Alice Bag and Vaginal Davis and more.

Photo by Marc Geller

D'Andra Peek

Dancing and mingling will also take place. I know I probably got details wrong and how could I forget to mention the rare public appearance of Fertile Latoyah Jackson that night too. The legendary Blacktress/'zine goddess and my biggest influence as a writer is as bold as they come and beautiful beyond all. What Fertile says, people copy.

The final day, March 1, takes place at the film forum, that fancy place where the prestigious film ladies in gowns and guys in tuxes accept awards and stuff. They will be featuring films by Bruce LaBruce and Greta Schnider and more. All other events of the weekend take place at Park Plaza. For information on the SPEW Conference, phone the Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition (LACE) and please try not to be so earnest. Relax, drink and smile and before you know it you'll be having as much fun as a fat round Shriner with a joy buzzer.

Gravity at Toon Town: Boy does this sound like a great idea! It's about time that the biggest most popular House-Dance-Trance-Techno-Rave nightclub in SF, finally books the only House-Dance-Trance-Techno-Rave band in SF. Gravity is the band and I have a feeling this night could be the perfect kind of exposure for them. Toon Town holds thousands of people, happy, smiling, full of love people and I have a feeling Gravity is the band they're looking for. Randy Webb and Tom Bland, the two members of Gravity, are currently enjoying some action with their first single, "Euphoria," b/w "We Want Information," which was Top 10 bound on the West Coast dance charts at press time. Speaking of records, Toon Town is making one on this night, a live LP called *Straight Outta Toontown*. It will also feature the live performances of Frank Genius, Tasti-Box and Single Cell Orchestra, who could be tape programs and not people, for all I know. Toon Town is a completely intriguing place, and if you have a hat that never quite looked right on you stuck away in the closet, wear it tonight. (Feb. 15, 9 pm-?, 177 Townsend, 267-4886.)

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This is basically the same show we saw in December 1988. Since time apparently stands still for this former star of the Folies Bergere, I'll quote a line from my previous review that may well reveal the secret of her Gallic charm: "Like all truly sexy women, she has an irrepressible sense of humor that pokes fun at her own self-created image."

At one point in the evening Liliane strode through the audience crooning, "Je Cherche un Millionaire," explaining in an aside, "I'm cruising." Moments later she begins the sob-story lyrics of "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," and is joined from the back of the house by a violinist. As the audience gasps at this unabashed display of schmaltz, she deadpans, "Well, why not?"

Her vocal program included the best of Jacques Brel, Aznavour, Piaf, Marguerite Monnot, too few verses of Sondheim's "I Never Do Anything Twice," a delightful "Just a Gigolo" (in black fedora and trenchcoat), Cole Porter's "I Love Paris," and Porter's even better song, "You Don't Know Paree." She sang "My Man" as it was originally written for Mistinguette, and a charming French/English version of the Gershwins' "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off."

Liliane strutted, vamped, draped herself in a star-studded scarf, mugged, laughed, and used the piano for a ballet barre in 90 minutes of tightly knit choreography by Tommy Tune. She was also sweetly moving when she stole a few quiet minutes to sing Johnny Mercer's English lyrics to "Autumn Leaves," Jimmy Van Heusen's "But Beautiful," and Piaf's "La Vie en Rose."

Some two dozen songs later, La Liliane launched into Jerry Herman's dramatic anthem "I Don't Want to Know," and signed off with Maury Yeston's "Folies Bergere" (the big number from *Nine* for which she won a Tony) and "Bon Soir."

No doubt about it, Montevecchi is unique in today's world of cabaret theater. She appears two more times *only*, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15, 11 pm, at the Mason Street Theatre. Call 981-3535.

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Lilliane Montevecchi

Menage Sings Jazz

Kassman's Concert Hall was the setting for the recent Lesbian/Gay Chorus benefit by Menage. It was an impressive program with mostly ensemble hits and some solo misses. Sticking too closely to the music as written, the soloists tended to deliver "pop" renditions rather than jazz variations. Artistic director/accompanist Pat Parr masterminded the concert and was backed by Allen Biggs on drums and Joe Pruessner on bass.

While Menage sounded really fine in ensemble, duets and solo work reflected a tentative approach that may well be the result of too few public performances. Rehearsing in the intimacy of a living room (as Parr mentioned), isn't the same as projecting in a concert hall, and some of the soloist's mike techniques resulted in muffled delivery.

The male quartet (John Gullotto, Paul Sotak, Simon Pitchford and Bill Ward) sang a fine arrangement of "Mr. Sandman" and were later joined by the four women (Patty Moore, Linda Rohde, Jodel de Oliveira and Joan Helmes) for a beautifully blended "Time After Time," and a lovely "Summertime." Tenor Gullotto's solo on the latter was a bit too controlled for the jazzy arrangement, though his later "Moondance" was sung with a relaxed abandon.

"I Don't Know Why I Love You Like I Do," and "Rainy Day," were both delivered with elegant precision by the octet, as were the two closing numbers, "Lullaby of the Leaves" and "Birdland."

The women's quartet sang an a cappella arrangement of "It's Bad for Me," an inferior challenge to their impressive abilities. Patty Moore did a bit of handsome scatting on the ensemble's delightful "S'Wonderful," and her solo on "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out to Dry" gets high marks for cleanest enunciation and best vocal projection.

Simon Pitchford's interpretation of "What More Can I Say?," from *Falsettoland,* was a little too breathy for full emotional commitment, and both Bill Ward and Paul Sotak failed to sing with much clarity on their respective solos. My more charitable companion tended to blame the sound system, but my impression was that they were holding back when jazz calls for letting it all hang out.

If Menage really wants to sing jazz, the soloists must relax, go with the music, take chances, open up and—best advice of all—make more frequent public appearances.

—Gene Price

The Mingus Dynasty

Charles Mingus is one of the monumental figures in the history of jazz. Not only was he one of the great bass players, Mingus composed music in the same category as that of Ellington and Monk. Twelve years after his death, the storehouse of compositions that he left behind (they include a few that Mingus sang into a tape recorder at the end of his life) continue to be recognized as the most intricate and intense music in the jazz repertoire.

The Mingus Dynasty, formed by Mingus' widow five months after his death, is devoted to the preservation of his music. The sextet, consisting of two Mingus alums, bandleader and trumpeter Jack Walrath and tenor player George Adams, saxophonist Craig Handy, and a rhythm section featuring the dynamic John Hicks on piano, Mike Formanek on bass, and Victor Lewis on drums, played Kimball's East last week. They tackled some difficult material and, although at times appeared to be working a little too hard and not allowing the music to fall into place, overall did an admirable job.

Mingus was a pioneer in the development of jazz and helped define it as a creative musical genre. He composed his music in a way that incorporated the improvisational aspect, offering a skeleton for experimentation. His music depends upon the prowess of the musician and relies upon the improvisation to complete his ideas, though his material is anything but easy to improvise on. The music is intense, fiercely altering rhythms and creating harmonic progressions which are anything but ordinary. But somehow it works. At times, the music seems insane (Mingus at one time did commit himself to Bellevue), but the genius is right behind. Just when we think he's gone a little too far, the bassist comes in with a rhythmic ostinato that carries the tune into a violently swinging section which abruptly stops to allow for a virtuosic cadenza. Such was almost exactly the case in the Dynasty's performance of "Los Mariachis," with 6/8 tempos interspersed with non-rhythmic sections, followed by light Latin grooves and on into hymn-like cadences. The ballad that followed, although rather obscure, is a clear indication that Mingus did in fact write some very beautiful, lush material. Featuring Hicks on piano, the introduction led into a mixture of in-tempo ballad and bossa nova, allowing for 25 minutes of soloing. A great rendition of "Better Git It in Your Soul," one of Mingus' most recognizable tunes, closed the set.

During the hour and a half set, a total of only four compositions were played. Each allowed ample time for the musicians to fill in the gaps and provide answers for the "riddles" set forth by Mingus. Pianist John Hicks' Oscar Peterson-fast articulations and amazingly innate ability to completely separate the musical ideas in his left hand from his right, combine to create exciting variations in his improvisations. He can play the same chorus a hundred different ways, and does. Mike Formanek is put in the awkward role of playing the bass. The listener will say, "Yeah, but he's just not Mingus." He doesn't try to be Mingus, but allows his own distinct interpretations to come through. Victor Lewis is extremely rhythmical and energetic, but I wish he would experiment more with varying colors in his drumming. Adams, Handy and Walrath were also energetic (Adams was the most pleasurable to listen to), but many times there was little rhyme or reason to their ideas. The music, however, is indeed very difficult, and the group as a whole deserves a lot of credit for their performance.

The Mingus Dynasty's latest CBS release is *The Next Generation.* It is worth listening to, though much of the music tends to be appreciated only by those who understand its technicalities.

—Scott Cady

Joe Pass: The Genius at Large

Joe Pass is unquestionably the greatest guitarist alive today. In a recent tribute to the late genius, gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt, at Yoshi's in Oakland, Pass showed off just what it is that makes him the best. He's hip, he's together, and he oozes *jazz.* If this concert was any indication, Joe is going to retain his title for years to come.

Looking toward the playing of the Benny Goodman guitarist Charlie Christian for inspiration, Pass developed a unique style which is more pianistic than previously believed could be possible on the guitar. He very thoughtfully comps while providing soaring, melodic melody lines at the same time. One is immediately reminded of piano-great Art Tatum by the depth of his improvisations at incredibly fast tempos. He fingers the guitar with both hands as if he was meticulously making his way around the keyboard. This ability allows for beautiful solo work.

The first three numbers he did alone, and it was worth the entire concert. Ellington's "Mood Indigo" was followed by a light bossa version of "All the Things You Are," and on into "How Deep Is the Ocean?" He brought on the rest of his quartet, guitarist John Pisano, bassist Monty Budwig, and drummer Colin Bailey, and together they performed an eclectic array of material. "I Remember You" (B flat) allowed the two guitarists to play off each other. It is amazing to watch two guitarists not getting in each other's way. A nice bossa nova preceded a C minor blues so that Pass could "see what's happening" with the group. Some of the highlights were the Jimmy Van Heusen/Johnny Mercer classic, "I Thought About You," a serious jazz classic, "Good Bait," and the fastest version of "The Song Is You" that I have ever heard. The players did a nice job of keeping up with Joe, not an easy task. Pass is a perfectionist and he's the best.

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—Scott Cady

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Canyon Sam

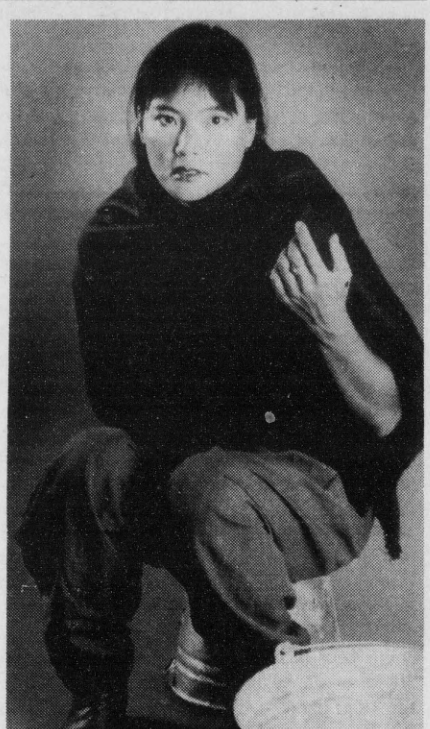
REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Canyon Sam was a peak performer at the Asian American Theater Company's Tsunami Festival. She's one hell of a storyteller, and she's got great onstage presence. She's also an "out" lesbian, and Sam brings her political and social consciousness with her wherever she goes. In conjunction with her political activism, she's also a journalist, a writer of fiction, a teacher, and as the Tsunami Festival attests, she's a highly skilled performance artist. Born and raised in San Francisco and of Chinese heritage, Canyon's traveled extensively in Asia, India and Tibet. The insights which she's acquired about the various cultures, political systems and individuals she's met are turned most effectively and relevantly into the kind of art which "speaks worlds," even beyond itself.

In celebration of the International Year of Tibet, Canyon Sam worked out her two performance pieces, *Taxi Karma* and *The Dissident*, for the Tsunami Festival. The two pieces arose from material she developed from experiences she had between 1986 and 1990 in Tibet, India and China. The material forms the basis of a spiritual odyssey. Originally she went to China to find the roots of her ancestral heritage. What she found was an Orwellian society of soulless workers. In the end, she landed in Tibet, working for human rights and justice, while documenting the decimation and genocide perpetrated by the Chinese on the Tibetan people.

While in Dharmsala, India, the place where the Dalai Lama and many other Tibetans have fled into exile, Canyon worked as a foreign journalist for a wire service. *The Dissident* comes from an interview she conducted with a young Tibetan nun who had escaped on foot across the Himalayas after having been brutally tortured and violated by the Chinese police squads. The story is graphic and dispels any notions that reports of Nazi-like tactics by the Chinese on the Tibetans are in any way exaggerated. *Taxi Karma* is lighter, but no less profound, in seeing and telling things exactly as they appear to be. The verisimilitude is stunning.

Canyon Sam has great technique in bringing her stories to life. She says she works on telling a story by pursuing a strong through-line, and by cutting, pasting, polishing and re-polishing until the narrative is down to its bare bones. She gets into her various characters by perfecting their gestures and speech patterns until they seem to come alive as the people upon whom they were based.



Canyon Sam in "The Dissident"

In fact, her characters are incredibly realistic, from her depiction of prayer-mumbling grannies, to itinerant Indian beggars, to her imitating the Hindi soundtrack of a grade-B melodrama. Her characters are not caricatures. She treats people with real warmth, and she makes us see life's absurd richness with a sense of humor. Sam's rendition of the Dalai Lama laughing and trailing off into that little giggle that he really has, was priceless. The streets of Dharmsala are recreated in her hands, in her body movements, her dialect inflections, and in the artistically wrought descriptions supplied by her narrative prose. And while she does this with humor, with humility and with love, she's also highly irreverent. Her outsider's point of view always gives her a wry and transcendent perspective.

What struck me most about Canyon Sam's stories and her performance was that her ego never got in the way. And yet, the artist herself projects as strong a presence as the material which she's communicating.

At this point, since the show is over, I can only recommend that you go out of your way to catch her at a future date. When asked by the audience what she'd be working on next, she had a lot of ideas and mentioned that she'd like to do a piece on women's health or perhaps a story on being Asian-American and gay.

DeLaria Runs Wild

REVIEWED BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Lea DeLaria's *butchfemmelezziedykefag* (try saying it three times fast) didn't disappoint in its run at Josie's. She mentioned Holly Near, used foul language, sang a few songs, and must have said "lesbian" about a hundred times. For all that, it wasn't predictable or dull, just very entertaining. DeLaria reprised a few bits, but they went over well with a mixed crowd of newcomers (who sat upfront) and old-timers (who knew enough to sit in back). DeLaria rushed the crowd a few times, playfully jabbing the few men and planting herself in the lap of a woman in the front row, to sing "Lady Be Good." The comic's energy was infectious, whether throwing herself on the floor to bemoan her love life or grabbing herself to illustrate safe sex techniques.

DeLaria's comedy had its sharp points, as when she mocked Near's comment: "I feel like a lesbian when I'm making love to a woman." Retorted DeLaria, "I feel like a lesbian when I'm taking a big, honking dump!" More peaceful, gentle bits had their moments, as well. Between live rants and skits, mock public service spots for National Coming Out Day played from the speakers. These ran along the lines of a father (played by DeLaria) dropping dead upon hearing his daughter's news. DeLaria also appeared onstage, as an instructor from the ITT Technical Institute of Diesel Training, to promote the school's guarantee of turning any woman into a diesel dyke—and demonstrated this using an audience member. "Ms. DeLaria's Dating Tips for Dykes" included what DeLaria called the stupidest question she'd ever received: "Is there any pushing in lesbian sex?" She handled it with a decisive pushing gesture and a resounding "Yo, fuck me!" Indeed, it would be hard to think of a topic DeLaria wouldn't broach on stage, since she clearly delights in exploding taboos. A smattering of songs complemented the humor, including an incendiary version of "A cappella," which capped the evening.

Holly Hughes Times Two

REVIEWED BY VAL C. PHOENIX

"I'm so glad you all decided to come with me tonight...Does anyone mind getting lost?" Well, I had some trouble following Holly Hughes through *World Without End*, which she reprised for two performances at Josie's, but none at all with *Clitnotes*, a one-off reading at the Marsh on Feb. 8. Hughes will probably forever be known as one of "the NEA Four," Jesse Helms' whipping boys and girls, a fact to which she made repeated reference in this version of *World Without End*, the work that got her in hot water with the fundies, er, funders.

The main thrust, if you will, of *World Without End*, is Hughes' complicated relationship with her mother, now dead. Inviting us into her living room, Hughes reflects on her childhood, pointing out such landmarks as the Denny's where her mother killed a porcupine, and her bedroom where she is visited by her mother. Their relationship is fraught with tension, the sexual overtones brought to the surface when the young Holly sees and perhaps samples her mother's pussy. If this thought makes you uncomfortable, wait a little while and Hughes goes on to something else: her fling with an office worker, her ruminations on being a member of the DAR, or her hatred of men. She eventually returns to thoughts on her mother, using references to the apple, the rose, and her mother's "French" to draw ideas together. The references to her clash with the NEA, funny as they are, would seem to belong to another work, though. They seem self-conscious additions that disrupt the flow.

The work as a whole remained fragmented, an uneasy mix of chat and theatricality. Though Hughes referred mockingly to her art school training, I found some of the work to be overly artsy. I thought she was at her best when she was being direct rather than mysterious.

Clitnotes presented no such problems, proving to be engaging theater despite its simple structure. It was just Holly sitting in a chair reading. Holding forth to a packed crowd that included her lover Phranc, Hughes ran through a few pieces culled from an upcoming solo work, *Snatches*, and her collaboration with Ellen Sebastian, *No Trace of the Blonde*. The first of these pieces found the playwright/performance artist, in the guise of reading letters to herself, ranting in witty style against the state of politics and the arts in the United States. Starting with the premise that she's been uneasy in her role as a symbol, she managed to work in references to vibrators, the homeless, and Sam Shepard's wife's dick. Next up was the obligatory mother piece, this one focusing more on the absent father who appears as an uncolored-in shape to his daughter. Here the recurring symbolism of pork played a prominent role, and I feared I was about to get lost again, but thankfully, a coherent narrative appeared to guide me through.

The piece de resistance was the final work, a rambling but pointed take on Holly's girlfriend, the nature of gender, and heterosexual denial of lesbian relationships. Hughes made so many salient points amid the laughter, that it's hard to enumerate them. For instance, when she described said girlfriend as "a force of nature, something that happened to me," an appreciative "ahh" echoed from the audience. Jumping back and forth from her girlfriend's life to her own, she reflected on her sexual education, the misrepresentation of lesbians by the mainstream, and her own relationship, all quite effortlessly. We all followed her through this tale, right through to its conclusion at a tacky San Diego hotel, where the lovers seek safety and realize that as out lesbians they can only find an illusion of it.

With this piece, the possibilities of merging art and politics were realized with impressive results. The line "she's getting dressed like she's going to war—which we are" is one example of this merging. Truth (or fictionalized truth) was spoken in a manner both artistic and accessible, which made the piece and evening most successful. An extra poignance was added by putting a face and identity to that unnamed girlfriend. Since Phranc was there, I asked her how she felt being immortalized. Clearly embarrassed (perhaps by Holly's description of her "relentless tits"), she mumbled with a smile, "It's a work of fiction." Maybe so, but it spoke volumes.

Holly Hughes will perform a workshop production of No Trace of the Blonde *in collaboration with Ellen Sebastian at Life on the Water, Feb. 15 and 16. Call 776-8999 for information.*

Greek

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Industrial Strength, which unleashed Steven Berkoff's raw and powerful *East* on San Francisco audiences two years ago, has joined forces with the Magic Theatre to produce a second play, equally controversial, blatantly scatalogical, seldom erotic, and couched in intoxicatingly elegant Elizabethan cadences. *Greek* is the Oedipus legend transferred to the mean streets of 1980s London and set in a "society where an emotional plague has taken root."

Oedipus is now Eddie (Joel Mullenix) the narrator/hero and son of a blowzy Mum (Delia MacDougall) and fascistic factory worker Dad (Jeffrey Bihr). Twice warned by gypsy fortunetellers that fratricide and incest is in the cards for their son, the nervous parents invite young Eddie to abandon the nest. Taking to the road, he encounters a couple of waitresses and a cafe owner (MacDougall, Nancy Shelby and Bihr) and, following the rules of senseless violence, engages the older man in a duel-to-the-death. A handsomely stylized

Photo by Donna McAdams

Holly Hughes

Photo by David Allen

Steven Berkoff's "Greek"

cartoon ("Hit," "Crack," "Crunch") confrontation leaves the man dead at Eddie's feet. Sexually aggressive, he claims waitress Doreen, the deceased's wife, as his prize and recites a poetic catalogue of her various orifices that he intends to explore. "You've eased my pain," the widow replies, in perhaps the least colorful line in the play.

Their personal fortunes prosper while the rat-infested city remains in the grip of a political and social plague. Prodded by Doreen to call on the Sphinx who has visited corruption on the city, Eddie challenges the spider-like creature (MacDougall again) and is himself subjected to withering denunciation. "You are the plague...you poor, unreliable penis," she crows after revealing to him her feminist version of creation, "Woman Was Adam."

He answers her riddle, returns to his elegant home and wife, and during a visit by old Dad and Mum learns that he was fished from the Thames following a boat explosion and raised as their own son. Wife Doreen, who had earlier dropped a clue or two about a little son lost in a boating accident faints dead away. In a 180-degree switch from traditional Greek tragedy, Eddie smirks at the old taboo and settles for the status quo. "What's wrong with that?" he questions, and Berkoff can't resist turning the screws further, "It's better than shoving a stick of dynamite up somebody's ass and getting a medal for it."

Greek is less a play of give-and-take dialogue than a series of engrossing monologues. Some of the rap recitals are so visually graphic ("Snot-encrusted walls," "A face hung like a soggy, worn-out testicle," "I'll kiss your bumhole like it was the lips of cherubs.") that they stop context dead in its tracks. We must clear our mental slate then rush to catch up before being assaulted again with a fresh reference to another bodily function or fluid.

Director Paul Hellyer (who also directed *East*) has endowed his actors with the ability to make us care beyond the level of the script's emotional sterility.

It's Eddie's play, and actor Mullenix relishes in the verbal challenge of Berkoff's images. Certainly one of the strongest young actors on the local scene, he reveals an intensity of commitment and passion that is practically hypnotic.

Delia MacDougall as foster mother, chippie waitress and man-devouring Sphinx turns in three different and very impressive performances. Her crawling, shrieking, purring Sphinx is the *tour de force* of the season. Jeffrey Bihr as both of Eddie's dads plays with small but telling gestures and expressions, the mark of an actor confident of his talents. Nancy Shelby, producer of *East,* and wife and birth mother of *Greek*'s Eddie, has the less showy role, often furnishing coda replies to the longer soliloquies.

Kark Rawicz's set, Jeff Rowlings' lighting, and J.A. Dean's sound design contributed greatly to Berkoff's stark landscape.

Greek continues at the Magic through Feb. 22. Call 441-8822.

Born Yesterday

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Garson Kanin's Broadway and movie hit, *Born Yesterday,* about the manners and morals in mid-'40s Washington, D.C., starred the delectable and giddy Judy Holliday. I'm happy to report that this contemporary classic is just as fresh, funny and true today as it was half a century ago.

In Marin Theatre's production, Will Marchetti is the bombastic, boorish rags-to-riches junk man, Harry Brock, who descends upon Washington to buy a few senators and ram through a bill that will enable him to corner the world's junk metal market and become even more rich and powerful.

Not surprisingly, director Richard Seyd has cast the *also* delectable Maureen McVerry in the role of the ditsy mistress, Billie Dawn, whom Brock had plucked out of the chorus of *Anything Goes.* Complicating this long-term romantic attachment is Dan Hiatt as Paul Verrall, a magazine writer whom Brock hires to smooth out Billie's rough edges and make her more presentable to the so-called society in our seat of government.

Even though he wears glasses, the bookish Paul is immediately attracted to Billie and she impulsively inquires if he'd "like a little action." Trying to keep her at arm's length, Paul brings her newspapers and books and she dutifully but resentfully circles the articles she didn't understand. She's not stupid, she reminds him, "In *Anything Goes,* I had lines." She also advises him that she already has everything a woman could want, "three fur coats," and that for bargaining power, "If *Harry* don't put out, *I* don't put out." (Her gin rummy scene with Harry, in which he slowly sizzles while she consistently wins, is a comedy classic.)

Robert Elross is superb as the sardonic, alcoholic attorney who sets up Harry's deals and arranges for the political pay-offs, and who at last admits that "not all senators are for sale."

Jeff Hunt's set furnishings were not quite as chi-chi as I'd have expected in a terribly expensive Washington hotel suite, but no matter.

Funny and savvy, this revival of *Born Yesterday* only goes to prove that nothing really changes. The post-war junk dealers of yesteryear are the junk bond and S&L wheeler-dealers of today and our government watchdogs, like blind justice, wear convenient masks.

Born Yesterday plays through Feb. 16 at the Marin Theatre Company. For a good time, call 388-5200.

Zoo Story

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Theatre Pomegranate, the relatively young company formed by Laura Meshel and Colm Wood to pursue an expressionistic approach to socially relevant theater, has mounted a chilling *Zoo Story.*

Albee's short play offers the two actors considerable playing ground for their talents. Wood is the middle-class Everyman who is content with the company of his book on his park bench sanctuary. Meshel is the alienated social misfit who initiates the confrontation. At first disinterested at the invasion of his Sunday routine, Wood's character reveals mild annoyance until he is eventually forced into a defensive stance by Meshel's young woman. As the desperately lonely, back-to-the-wall Jerrie, Meshel delineates the mood swings of incipient madness with frightening reality. Relentlessly pursued within the confines of the bench, Albee's innocent is finally manipulated into an act of horrendous finality.

Both actors appeared in last season's *Ribs,* playwright Colm's parable about contemporary Hollywood, which has been nominated by the Critics Circle for outstanding original script.

The Zoo Story continues at the cozy Pomegranate Theatre, 495 Clementina (between 7th and 6th), Fri.-Sat. through Feb. 29. Call 512-7965.

Cyrano de Bergerac

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Enough already with the critical carping about the ages of the two leads in ACT's current production of *Cyrano!* In Dennis Powers' new adaptation, Rostand's drama of unrequited love is framed in the aging couple's last meeting. (The days of youth and courtship are played in flashback.) What better introduction to the doddering, savagely beaten, dying poet Cyrano? I'd much prefer an actor of Donat's stature attacking the role from the vantage point of experience than have some kid of 30 massacre the role in high-pitched voice and ill-fitting wig. Matter of fact, this is the best role Donat has had in years and he excels in its courtly gestures and self-mocking vanities.

As we all know—or should—Cyrano is a swashbuckling swordsman/poet who is in love

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Two French Films

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Two films from France are being shown at the Castro Theatre this month. Each is having a week's run. One you may have already seen, but you might want to catch it again in its newly renovated luminous black and white form. The other, a new release from the 1991 Cannes Film Festival, you might not want to see at all.

Beauty and the Beast is a fairytale which apparently holds a fascination for generation after generation. The current animated Disney version is delighting audiences across the country. People are still grieving the loss of the ever-popular TV series which was discontinued on PBS. And now a restored print of the original 1946 Jean Cocteau film *La Belle et la Bete*, is having its revival.

I confess that *Beauty and the Beast* is not one of my most cherished fairytales. The idea of noble female sacrifice doesn't intrigue me. The idea of a relationship where one of the partners is sexually repulsed and held in bondage by the other doesn't read like happily-ever-after to me, except as pure sadomasochism. But in the Cocteau film, the roles between Beauty and the Beast are too ambiguous to make modern erotic sense out of their drama. The Beast competes with Beauty for the bottom: "You are the master," she says, "No, you are the only master in the house," he replies. When Beauty gets on her knees, begging to see her father, the Beast gets angry because he believes that only he should get on his knees. She's the good, the beautiful, the prize on the pedestal.

La Belle Noiseuse

He is only a beast next to her, and beasts who want to show their love "can only grovel on the ground."

But Beauty so much loves to scrub those floors, and she has made a life around taking abuse from everyone, including her sisters. In fact, she's always been a willing martyr. She relishes the idea of sacrificing her young life to save the skin of her old and dying father. If Beast wanted a master in his house, he might have done better with one of her ball-breaking sisters. And in the end, when Beastie turns into a handsome young prince, the idea of happily-ever-after seems as gratuitous to me as a marriage proposal after the divorce.

Content aside, Cocteau's film is beautiful to watch. Like his *Orpheus* and *Blood of a Poet*, his *Beauty and the Beast* is a lyrical homage to the medium of film. The slow motion sequence of Beauty entering the Beast's mansion, going down the long hall with her flowing robe and sailing past the billowing window curtains, was appropriately dream-like. The stylized movements of both Beauty and the Beast were balletic. And the close-ups of the faces and theatrical poses held the film in moments of stillness, creating the space for artistic contemplation. The surrealism of sconces and statues with moving eyes and heads, and the disembodied arms holding chandeliers added the magical dimension and opened the story into realms of altered consciousness. When Beauty cries, her teardrops become diamonds. When she peers into the mirror she sees people who are far away. When she wears the magic glove she is teleported to other locations. These are the conventions of fairytale which Cocteau so masterfully exploits.

The theme of noble female sacrifice also plays itself out for four long hours in Jacques Rivette's *La Belle Noiseuse*, which is based on a Balzac novel. This time we are presented with two female characters who sacrifice themselves for the sake of art. More specifically, they lose themselves completely in the service of the great male artist so that he may create his masterpiece. Frenhofer, played by Michel Piccoli, is an old patriarch full of himself, full of grandiose theories of painting the female nude, and angst-ridden because he hasn't actually produced anything in ten years.

He lives in isolation with his ex-model, his wife Liz, played by Jane Birkin. Liz is bored out of her bird and spends her life stuffing dead animals, while she waits for the great Frenhofer to take to the easel once again. An ambitious young painter makes a pilgrimage with his girlfriend to Languedoc to visit the master. Nicholas, the young man, offers his beautiful girlfriend Marianne (played by Emmanuelle Beart) to Frenhofer as a muse so that the old man can rekindle his creativity. At first Marianne is furious at Nicholas for striking up a deal with Frenhofer without even asking her. Then, perhaps to make Nicholas jealous, she puts herself totally into Frenhofer's hands and spends the rest of the time in secluded intimacy with the painter in his studio.

The scenes in the studio are actually interesting to watch. From the first ink sketches, to the charcoal studies, to the eventual creation of the painting, we see every moment of the artistic process. While this is going on, all sorts of psychological interchanges are happening between painter and nude model, between painter and anxious wife, between master and jealous protege. In the final analysis, Frenhofer has used Marianne, the way he has used other women in his life, to facilitate his genius and to satisfy his demons who demand the sacrifice of fresh female flesh and souls as a trade off for his ability to create.

"La Belle Noiseuse" translates as a colloquialism from Quebec, and it means a beautiful woman who drives men to distraction, a woman who causes men pain. The film *La Belle Noiseuse*, for all the excellent acting, intensity of the studio scenes, and artful camerawork, is still an annoying piece of patriarchal mythography. Tallying in its extravagant four-hour length, I venture to rate this film three yawns and a scowl.

Fried Green Tomatoes

In the best of all possible Hollywood worlds, Thelma and Louise would have escaped to Mexico and would have become lovers. In the film *Fried Green Tomatoes*, Idgie and Ruth would have expressed their love for each other in physical terms, instead of just by implication. But let's give praise where praise is due. These two Hollywood sleepers are definitely on the right track in showing the mass audience just how strong the love between two women can get. In *Fried Green Tomatoes*, the romantic relationship between the two very attractive heroines emerges as the centerpiece of the story. And everybody except the Ku Klux Klan and the psychotic ex-husband relates to them with respect and affection.

Mary Stuart Masterson plays the cutest baby tomboy butch. As an adult she makes a fine, strong romantic partner to Mary-Louise Parker's delicate and adventurous femme. Idgie and Ruth start their relationship as friends over the untimely death of Idgie's brother, whom they both loved. The friendship becomes a 'til-death-do-us-part marriage of bodies and souls.

The film, directed by Jon Avnet, based on the novel by Fannie Flagg, is an excellent, entertaining movie. The production values are top-quality, the script is a knockout and the acting couldn't be better. The film touches upon many different emotions and succeeds in integrating different sides of life—tragedy, comedy, irony, sentimentality—into one cohesive vision of human interconnectedness. It's an intergenerational movie which connects the past to the present and suggests a future. Characters grow and change as they learn to choose love over fear. And there's even a murder mystery plot to keep us attentive.

Fried Green Tomatoes starts off in a hospital nursing home where Evelyn Couch (Kathy Bates), an overweight neurotic housewife providentially meets Ninny Threadgoode (Jessica Tandy), an extremely likable old lady with a penchant for storytelling. Even after Evelyn stops visiting her husband's cranky aunt, she continues going back to the nursing home to visit Ninny. Ninny's ongoing story about the life of Idgie and Ruth is mesmerizing, and Evelyn keeps coming back for more. The thread of the story makes for the largest part of the film, which takes place in Whistlestop, Ala. during the Depression. Ninny's flashback narrative is so magical it completely engrosses Evelyn, charming her like honey to a bee.

Throughout the course of the film, Evelyn changes in response to what she's learned from Ninny's story about two women who took their lives into their own hands. While this is going on, the film also follows Evelyn through her hilariously dumb suburban life: fighting for parking spots at the supermarket, going to women's gynecological self-examination classes, and heaping tons of food onto her husband's plate as he sits in front of the TV watching sports. The use of sight gags, like the one where Evelyn is draped in Saran Wrap trying to put the spice back into her marriage, serves as great comic relief, countering the story of death, murder and passion in Ninny's intense narrative.

Fried Green Tomatoes is definitely worth a trip to the Kabuki Theatre. Don't wait for the video release; it might come out "letterbox" like *Thelma and Louise*. The cinematography is a treat and the THX sound effects are especially fun in the "bee-charmer" scene.

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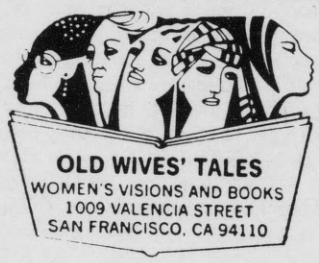

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Thurs., 2/20, 8 pm—Filmmaker **Elena Featherston** will show ***Visions of the Spirit,*** her documentary film about author **Alice Walker.** Videotapes of the film will be available for purchase. $3-10 admission benefits Old Wives' Tales; no one turned away for lack of funds.

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CLASSICS

BY CHING CHANG

Dawn Upshaw Makes Her SF Symphony Debut with Barber's Knoxville

In what might become an important event in the San Francisco Symphony's history, Dawn Upshaw made her debut with the orchestra led by Alasdair Neale, in a performance of Samuel Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915,* Op. 24 (for soprano and orchestra), among other pieces at Davies Symphony Hall last week. Upshaw is a remarkable American-trained American soprano, of obvious musical intelligence and interpretive gifts. Anyone who remembers her lieder recital in Berkeley's Hertz Hall last year, will remember the immediacy and intimacy of her performance. For those not familiar with Upshaw's work, her voice is not your typical, showy operatic soprano. Its appeal lies, in fact, in its spontaneous approachability and its humanity. Unlike Kathleen Battle, who uses her gifts largely to perform cotton-candy show-off pieces, Dawn Upshaw devoted even at early stages in her career a sizeable amount of her time to less commercial projects and "riskier" music, in addition to the usual repertoire. While other recently established sopranos like Susan Dunn, Kathleen Battle and Aprille Millo had embarked upon self-serving recordings of collections of favorite Verdi or Mozart arias, the discography of this young singer reveals a thoughtful and committed approach to contemporary (like John Harbison's *Mirabai Songs,* Earl Kim's *Where Grief Slumbers*) and less performed repertoire (like Rachmaninoff's *Six Songs,* Op. 38, and her recently released CD, *The Girl With the Orange Lips,* with songs by de Falla, Stravinsky and Delage, which I haven't yet heard). Though she hasn't (thankfully) abandoned her Susannas and Zerlinas, her concert stage and operatic repertoire reveals a similar involvement and commitment to uncommon and innovative programs.

Samuel Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* is a well-suited piece for a singer of Upshaw's qualities. It is a piece which appeals intensely to that which is most personal and intimate to its listener and performer. Based on a text by James Agee (who also wrote the words to Barber's *Sure on This Shining Night*), it speaks of a small child (specifically, at age five) who begins to discover his inner voice, as it expresses to himself the world around him. The beautiful imagery describes that "... It has become that time of evening, when people sit on their porches... talking gently... [about] nothing at all in particular...," as loud and quiet autos pass by, and people in pairs taste vanilla and strawberry ice cream out of paper cups. The child tells further of his family's little rituals, when his parents spread quilts on the wet grass of their backyard, where they all lie and talk quietly. In a most arresting way, the gentle, swaying orchestration evolves into a terrifyingly dissonant section, when the child is struck by a sense of fear and loneliness, out of a lack of purpose and identity, within this homely and serene surrounding. The gentle, swaying orchestration returns at the end of the piece, but it is slightly transformed, carrying now the depth of an added kernel of sadness, as the child-narrator repeats while being put to sleep by his family, that no one "... will ever tell me who I am." Though Barber's *Knoxville* has been geographically defined, and Agee's imagery is unmistakably American, it is a work that has a universal transcendence. At a time when Aaron Copland, Virgil Thompson and such were trying to reinforce the idea of an American compositional style by adding jazz and native elements into the musical idiom, Barber allowed the lyricism in his pieces to flow freely, without concerning himself with contemporary trends. Barber's music suggests introspectively the universality of personal, private experiences. The parallels of a child's sense of awe and wonderment, curiosity and fear, and a quest for that which is unknown within the monotony of quotidian rituals and desolation of familiar surroundings strikes a chord in all of us, regardless of nationality and cultural upbringing. And as for those of us lucky enough to have been enriched through the homosexual experience on top of these feelings, such feelings are likely to have been more lingering and intensified.

In a piece that demands an ultra-sensitive musicality, Dawn Upshaw's very human rendition of *Knoxville* was admirable in all respects. Adequately human-scaled singing, however, does involve certain risks, especially at Davies. Sitting in the sixth row, center orchestra, I was luckily well-positioned to have absorbed all the hues of her beautifully controlled soft tones, and while Alasdair Neale did a competent job in controlling a chamber-sized San Francisco Symphony, I cannot possibly believe that those gorgeous notes the soprano produced could have traveled all the way to the upper reaches of those cavernous spaces at Davies. It was perhaps too intimate a piece, to be shared in a hall of such size. *Knoxville* was preceded by Mozart's Symphony No. 29, in A, in a spirited and elegant reading, even if it was a little reserved. After intermission, Gleen Fischthal, trumpet, and Julie Ann Giacobassi, English horn, were featured in Aaron Copland's *Quiet City,* a piece originally composed for a play, which may be familiar to ballet audiences, as it is often choreographed. Dawn Upshaw returned then to the stage to perform Paul Dukas' nearly forgotten soprano aria *L'Ondine et le Pecheur,* on a text by Theophile Gautier, which tells another tale on the centuries-old theme of mermaids and fishermen with colorful orchestration. In a delightful juxtaposition to the earlier Mozart symphony, the orchestra musicians were visibly tickled on stage as they closed the program with Prokofiev's Symphony No. 1, in D, Op. 25, composed in a pseudo-classical style.

Cyrano...

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with his cousin Roxane (Michael Learned). His handicap to this undeclared romance is his exceedingly prominent nose and he is not above turning his prose upon himself in bitter reflection of his facial promontory.

Roxane is in love with handsome Christian (John DeMita), a cadet who has recently joined Cyrano's regiment. Roxane is also harassed romantically by the powerful and lecherous Comte de Guiche (Michael Scott Ryan).

Cyrano is not a subtle character and Donat treats his many facets with consummate flair. He is a buffoon. He is brave and defies death at every chance of swordplay. He withers physically when Roxane confesses her love for Christian. He is foolhardy when he pours out his love under cover of Roxane's midnight balcony. He is vain, even in death, making his exit in his own words, with "panache."

Sabin Epstein's direction, utilizing a large cast of ACT regulars as well as some obvious students, sometimes creates a busyness that verges on distraction. The shallow stage can barely contain the scores of poets, theater-goers, musketeers and cadets who swam (albeit smoothly) through the gold-framed, black-lacquered doors that comprise Richard Seger's clean set.

At two-and-a-half hours (already whittled down considerably), the romantic drama occasionally saunters to a halt. I found the scene tedious-to-boring when Cyrano attempts to distract the Comte de Guiche with some far-fetched recipes for ascending to the moon.

In full bloom, Michael Learned creates a vision of adoring rapture from her moonlit balcony, but she seems more at home in her cousin-to-cousin scenes with Cyrano than in her intimate but passionless tete-a-tetes with Christian. She is elegantly costumed by Robert Fletcher (though the black bonnet in the first scene obscures her face). Fletcher's other designs for the sprawling cast run the gamut from rags to laces.

John DeMita was quite affecting as the handsome but unpolished Christian. A dozen or so fine and established ACT actors are evident in minor roles.

This production is dedicated to the recently deceased Bill Ball who directed the company's first production of *Cyrano*—also starring Peter Donat—20 years ago.

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Color Me Confrontational

Spokane, Wash., is a fine place in which to be born, a great place to leave and a respectable place to die.

The city is quiet, untouched by most big city blights, landlocked by rolling wheat fields in the Palouse Hills, which were left behind by receding glaciers ages ago.

There are three gay bars in the city; their phone numbers are unlisted.

Each year, the Lilac City plays host to the American Hot Rod Association's World Finals: the year-end drag racing finale which takes place at Spokane Raceway Park, in the heart of the Inland Empire.

My dear old dad is a professional drag racing celebrity up in Spokatropolis, having driven a dragster since the '50s. He still wears his hair greased back. He also still refers to Blacks as niggers and Jews as kikes.

I haven't spoken to the man in seven years. From the moment I left Spokane, I never looked back. At the time I didn't understand that I was queer, but I did understand that I didn't belong in that town.

I never fit in with what was to be the norm there, though I suppose few ever do. I was elected as the first male president of my high school's 100-year-old Girls' Federation. I suppose if that didn't clue people in that I was a queen, nothing would.

People are often surprised to hear that I am not out to my dad. As a self-respecting prominent homo personality/activiste, it seems hypocritical that I remain closeted to my father. It's just that I haven't spoken with the man in the last seven years, so it hasn't come up.

Photo by Brook Dillon

Faye Dunaway gives Phillip R. Ford ten seconds of her time at Mickey Contrell's party for Seymour Cassell, star of jury prize-winning film, In The Soup, *at the Sundance Film Festival.*

How am I to respond when he asks what I've been up to in the interim? I hate that question. People always ask that, but they never really want an answer. "Just keepin' out of trouble," I am expected to say, or some other innocuous, safe answer.

I have a hard enough time holding a civil conversation with my brother, who publishes a national football fantasy magazine. In my birthday card one year, he told me: "I don't mind that you're a fag; I just hate that you're a freak." Oddly enough, I understand what he means.

Even my cousin Hugh knows I'm a homo. In his Catholic school's junior high religion class he interjected when his teacher started going off, saying homosexuals were all evil, tortured and demented. He disagreed, and told his teacher she was wrong, an extremely courageous act for a 13-year-old Black kid in a vastly white parochial school.

My mother and I wore matching outfits to Club Uranus on Mother's Day two years ago. She abandoned me for most of the evening to wander through the crowd, taking Polaroids of drag queens. She plans to return again this year for more of the same, only this time in the company of my Aunt Kitty. My father stopped letting my Aunt Kitty into our house after she started dating a Black man.

Telling strangers I'm a fag is no problem. The back of the coat I wear daily reads "MISTER FAG." I try to always fly in drag, preferably in my swirly day-glo mini-dress. I've traversed shopping malls, MUNI and even Disneyland in drag.

Why is it, then, that telling my father is such a problem? I suppose I fear the rejection, which I know will come. We all wish for love and validation from our parents more than anyone else, and their rejection can hurt more than any other.

But I have decided to give him a chance to love and respect me for who I am, and who I have become, rather than for who I was.

Not coming out to the family and friends is a sad cop out. Telling them that you are queer sensitizes them to the queer experience, removing homosexuality from a clinical status, bringing it into reality. Combatting homophobia is best done starting in the home. The closet renders us invisible, and kills us.

I've decided even my father deserves a chance.

I've been dreading this for the last seven years, though I knew I couldn't avoid it forever. But as usual, I can't decide what to wear when I see him.

I don't mind that you're a fag; I just hate that you're a freak.
—Bbruce Taylor

CHOKING IN DISCO HAZE

As expected, **Mike&Lewis&Nikki's** new club, ***Fusion***, was a fab success, creating an exciting and viable new entry into Clubland. Fusion brings back a taste of pre-invasion *Uranus* as a reward for the urban dwellers who have had to deal with the suburban trade which has overtaken SF's hippest disco.

Unexpectedly, the staff at Club O is friendly when seen, which is rare, if at all. I suspect they are the people walking around who look like they just left a Ratt concert, but that might actually just be other customers. Unlike other straight establishments with Monster Truck Show bouncers, the hetero aftertaste does not taint the club. Rather, the space feels fresh, seeing its first large homo rabble in a decade. The former Oasis serves as a welcome change to *Paula's Clubhouse*, where even **Jerome** was carded on a regular basis.

Fusion was crowded and humid for the opening, and as usual, someone in the DJ booth's finger lay heavy on the button of the fog machine.

With Nikki coming on to the team, many more women were present than usual at M&L's regular clubs, a welcome addition to the gathering.

Whatever the scene, drug dealers and users be forewarned that law enforcement agents *who dress just like house heads* are filtering through the crowd, and may be coming to a scene near you. Don't be fooled by their accessories and toboggan hats. Deal only to your friends until the scare is over.

Since when has our government been after bourgeois drugs? A major pseudo-underground rave was recently busted, and the three promoters, holding a total of more than 500 hits of X, were somehow released after only ten hours in the can, all charges dropped. Hmmmm. Sometimes your friends aren't your friends. Does one hyphenate plea-bargain?

REPERTORY RIVALRY

Spinoff from Klubstitute's house theater troupe, the Sick and Twisted Players, the **Modacrylic Players'** rendition of ***Wild at Heart*** missed the mark, leaving those who had not seen the original movie mystified.

The S&T Players have a tradition of reworking traditional movie and prime time classics into camp satires with twirled execution, convolution and casting.

Performances by the Modacrylic Players were excellent as could be expected from the collected cast; however, the choice of material—a David Lynch (art) film—was weak, providing no common ground of understanding for the uninitiated in the audience. It is too much to expect that an audience will make a point of seeing a movie before a cabaret performance. Research before cocktails? I'm too busy doing my makeup.

The popularity of plays at the night spot also adds to the dilemma. Capacity for plays at the homophile juice joint exceeds comfort levels, turning the back room into a sauna. The uninitiated newcomers also have more of a tendency to chat during the performance, adding to the difficulty of hearing some of the quieter performers.

A revamped version of last year's phenomenal presentation of ***Carrie*** will be produced by the S&T Players at Life on the Water at Fort Mason in March. The group is excited at the prospect of performing in a professional theater, with real lights, real sound design and real ventilation.

The return of underground theater is wonderful to experience. Tickets for *Carrie* will be available at BASS shortly. Buy early, because the group is a cult sensation, and may sell out before you get a chance to hear Omewenne turn aside and decry Carrie's "dirty pillows."

BITS AND PIECES

Rollerjam '92 turned out to be a stunning engagement, staged at Hayward High. Queen of the roller floor, **Ann Calvello**, slammed through the collected roller gals to bash her way to near victory, as her team, the L.A. Turbos, clashed with the local Bay City Bombers.

Not having seen roller derby before, I was quick to pick up that the sport is more like big time wrestling on wheels. If only they made high heel roller skates. Complete with body slams when the referees were looking the other way, the spectacle of gratuitous violence was an enjoyable diversion to standard urban Saturday night selections.

Perhaps my next party will be a brutal, blood-spilling, high speed, high heel roller derby matchup between the girls of High Heel Wrestling versus the Campus Theater's Varsity Strip Squad. Quality entertainment at a price you can afford.

Page Hodel's Saturday incarnation of **The Box** has closed, leaving the longstanding Thursday night to run solo at the Kennel Club.

Fab techno duo **Gravity** will be playing Toon Town, Saturday, Feb. 15, at Townsend. Though the price is steep for this appearance, it comes paired with a giant disco dance drug scene. Come, see the ears, hear the schtick.

Vegas in Space, Doris Fish and Phillip R. Ford's smash hit cult sensation film, kept its fabulism intact at Robert Redford's **Sundance Film Festival** recently. *Vegas* was the first film to ever sell out the midnight weekend slot for which it was slated.

A benefit toward expenses for Ford and Miss X's international film festival tour (including Berlin, Turino and Sydney) with *Vegas in Space* is an upcoming must. Teaming up with Stepen Parr for an all-star spectacle, the event, tagged ***I'd Rather Be a Broad*** promises another bountiful evening of overstimulation. Appearing will be Miss X, Phillip R. Ford, Connie Champagne, Enrique, Jennifer Blowdryer, Bambi, JUSTIN BOND, Elvis Herselvis, Billy DeHerrera, Flynn, Bob Davis, Tony Vaguely, Ruby Begonia Bidet, Dawn of Aquarius, and Diet Popstitute. Too much boldface on one stage at one time.

I'd Rather Be A Broad is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 21, with film screenings of *Vegas in Space* and *Rollercoaster to Hell* starting at 8 pm and performances at 10. Tickets are $10 in advance at A Different Light, and $12 at the door.

Lounging.....

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provided the songs with appropriate comments, such as introducing "Heartaches" with "This is an insipid country song." They gauged the crowd well, too, with a mix of uptempo and slow songs that kept people dancing, though most of the lesbians stayed on the fringes. By the time "What's Wrong With You" rolled around, two dyke couples had hit the floor, and one woman had switched partners, from female to male. I said it was a swinging evening. Though mostly originals, a few covers were thrown in, including "Love Me." By chance, Elvis Herselvis was on hand, and for this number the king and her queen glided out for a turn on the dance floor.

Resource Guide...

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Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Bisexual Men's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Women's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

North County Bisexual Support Groups—See Bisexual Groups.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group—see Transgender Groups.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets last Thurs of each month—See Transgender Groups.

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group—see Transgender Groups.

Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals—see Transgender Groups.

Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs kicked out of their families—See Transgender Groups.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9822

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

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Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

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Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups"**.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues including financial survival, transition during recession, developing families of choice. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

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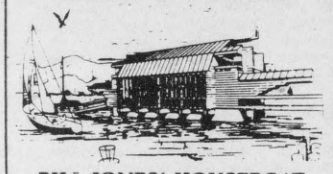

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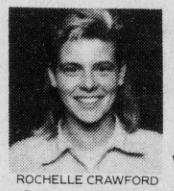

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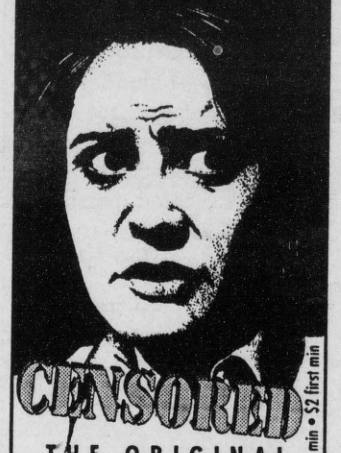

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to SF. I'm a 28 y.o. looking for friends & fun. If you're between 26 & 32 & are independent, adventurous & honest, keep reading. I enjoy dancing, chilling at home, road trips, live 105, exploring SF and I'm always open to new ideas. I'm feminine and look for the same. I'm not into head games or butch women. If this interests you at all give me a call. Call ★★5943.

I Like:
Intense conversation, writing, reading, butch-androgynous girls, long legs, short hair, swimming, dancing, strong coffee, good food, people with a silly sense of humor, LA Law, spontaneity, leisurely breakfasts, and people who feel passionate about wanting to change the world. I don't like: ironing, sci-fi, bigots, alcohol, smokers, dishonesty, pretension, prudishness, and people who take themselves too seriously. Interested? Call ★★5944.

Always Ready
to enjoy the good things in life, try new things, and make new friends. Looking for love but not in a hurry. I'm 29, educated, ambitious, attractive, mature, independent and interesting. I enjoy swimming, bicycling, tennis, movies, cooking, taking walks, Osento, good conversation, hanging out, nightlife, and playing my piano. If you're somewhere around 30 and somewhat compatible, I'd like to hear from you, now. Call ★★5945.

It Seems So Simple...
A woman who is also open, honest, emotionally available, self-confident, intelligent, caring and looking for a committed relationship. But, I haven't found her yet. I enjoy good conversation, romance, exploration, intimacy, hot sex, concerts, and being high on life (without drugs of any kind). Are you 23-35 and willing to take a chance on something special? Reply BT Box FB4A or call ★★5946.

A Wild and Crazy Gal!
Outside: a stable, hard-working, serious professional with a responsible position. Inside: a fun-seeking, adventurous, rule-breaking, energetic, young-at-heart woman who wants to share the many joys in life with someone in her 50s or 60s. Because of allergies, pet-lovers and smokers are ruled out. Call ★★5947.

Wiry Little Bitch With Big Heart
40-yr.-old, trim, muscular, yet smart. "Into" photography seriously, water, risk-taking, spontaneity. Like to recharge after intense work life. Looking for Ms. Right this time but also like to date. Call if you are a creative femme and, dare I say it, "mature," any age, lesbian creature. Call ★★5948.

Butch Buddies
We smoke, drink, eat meat and probably need therapy. We are two cute butches who stay fit, looking for a couple of hot, wild, attractive, adventurous, employed females under 35, who shave and wear lipstick. We like the barscene, but would like seeing women in the daylight as well. If you enjoy riding on the back of our motorcycles, spontaneous travel and hot sex. (Not limited to two, individual response welcome.) Reply BT Box FB5A or call ★★5949.

In Nature Is Where I Love to Be
I am creative and playful and challenging. I am soft, and hard. Spent many years in therapy—down to the depths and surfacing. I live and work with animals. I am a Jew. And I want a new friend. A woman who knows herself/her feelings (and is 33 and up). Oh, I live in Marin. Interested? Write me about you. Reply BT Box FB6A.

Light My Fire
I'm a 34-year-old, playful, attractive, sensual and secure professional. I enjoy the outdoors, bicycling, kayaking, diving and travel. I work hard during the week and love to escape the city on the weekends. I'm looking for someone who knows herself and possesses an open heart, good sense of humor, and the flame to light my fire. Beautiful eyes and warm smiles make my toes tingle. Nonsmoker/no drugs/alcohol in moderation. Reply BT Box FB7A or call ★★5950.

Terrific Woman Seeks Soulmate
Bright, warm, loving, stable, professional, 48 y.o., seeks same for spiritual growth together, tennis, golf, love of course, growing together. Please be into fitness, no drugs/smokers/little alcohol (occasional glass of wine). I am tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I deserve the best. If you fit the bill, please respond. Call ★★5951.

She Who Demands Good Service
You came to me when I did not expect you. You stayed when I denied you. You loved me intensely. Your love honors me. You are for me. Ankara T. Dovey.

Hope for the New Year
I'm looking to meet other gay women for friendship & I'm also looking for a lover. Must be clean & sober & nonsmoker. I live a hippie lifestyle. I don't work. I study metaphysics & go to a spiritual healing center once a week. I belong to a health spa & go there to exercise for a couple of hours, three times a week. I love television—good quality & music. I like cafes & I like to take walks. I need some close companions for love & support, to talk to & to share interests. So leave a message on the voice mailbox, or write me a letter & send me a picture & phone number. Let's get together & have some positive & innocent fun. I had an ad in Nov. & Dec. paper, but it hasn't come together yet. Call ★★5952.

52 Pick-Up
2 cranky, fun girls seek card partners for eucre, spades, hearts... willing to learn more. We like cards, smoking, cheap beer (unless you're buying), gay boys to serve us snacks, Led Zeppelin, calling in sick, and women. Let's play! Please no: one we know, righteous clean & sober, Earlham alums (don't ask), active Christians/Republicans, etc. Must be dedicated to actively wasting time. Bizarre hang-ups a plus. Call ★★5953.

An Extremely Intelligent Marilyn Monroe
I always thought San Francisco had lots of gay women 'till I started looking for one of my own! Yes, there are many "out there" couples, but I've had little luck meeting my match. It is especially hard for me because I'm 18 (legally, not mentally) and attracted to mostly women who don't know they're gay. I love challenges. Hate obstacles. Want everything. Have enough, but still want more. Call ★★5954.

Stable With a Wild Streak
I'm a tall, attractive, athletic, 34 y.o., Jewish professional and ex-activist. I value friends and family, cultural diversity, intellectual and emotional stimulation, as well as lots of active play, both outdoors & at home. I'm ready to be married to the right woman, but see dates and good times as necessary prerequisites. Sensuality, spontaneity & sense of humor a must. No smoke, drugs or alcohol please. Reply BT Box FB8A or call ★★5955.

What Makes You Special?
Is it that you're attractive both inside and out? You may call yourself "Jake," but you're soft as creme... You are perceptive, responsive, you listen, and you care. You are not afraid to love, or show your feelings (even if baseball distracts you at times)! And even though it's scary, you are willing to let yourself be loved. You know who you are.... Call ★★5956.

Things That Make You Go "Hmmm...!?"
Creative, independent, adventurous, down-to-earth, petite, lesbian (28), seeks interesting, honest, romantic, nonsmoker (25-35) to explore the wonders of life, laughter and intimacy. Let's go dancin', camping or to live performances. Let's have breakfast at that "great little cafe" and share creative thoughts/ideas, or enjoy romantic dinners and revel in each other's dreams/desires. Hmmm—yeah, go ahead... write. Reply BT Box FB9A or call ★★5957.

Rutabaga
To: My favorite politically correct, environmentally conscious, vegetarian. I love you! It grows different. Yet deeper. Thanks for the honesty. Feels good to like myself again. I don't think anyone's on to us yet. Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetie! Love, The Carrot Woman. P.S. Happy Birthday!!!

We Are as We Are!
I would love to meet a pretty woman who has a strong sense of herself; who can love freely, with ease, friendship, sex, hope. Who can (be) respect(ed), challenge(d), adore(d), hold(held). Please be trustworthy, kind, unconventional, physically fit (not overweight), 35-43 years old, an artist, a lesbian, a lover. Reply BT Box FB10A.

Girlfriends
I'm looking for new friendships; romance could be a possibility. I'm 38, brown hair, brown eyes, with a great sense of humor. I love movies, bookstores, music, walks, eating out. I dislike bars, cigarettes, and insincere women. Let's get together and discuss life, etc.... Reply BT Box FB11A.

Passionate and Adventurous
Seize the day! I seek adventures in life—and would love to share them with you! Let's rediscover the magnificence of nature, the exuberance of lively conversation, and the warmth of friends. I'm a very attractive GWF and a professional. If you are similar and 30-40 and hunger for a quality relationship, with intensity and passion, call, and let's get to know each other.... Call ★★5959.

Mergers and Acquisitions
Heard on the street: I'm on your beat. Small non-profit ready for a friendly takeover. Will target your market if you'll venture into mine. I'll put if you'll call. Trade at any hour. Multinationals OK. Will do it in private if you'll go public. No short sellers, please. Call ★★5960.

RAD
You don't need ropes to descend into my heart! You're already there, in the innermost chambers. Je t'aime, S.

Sort of...
I'm sort of fun, sort of shy, sort of sensitive and communicative. Sort of tall, sort of young, sort of femme. Well, sort of. Definitely interested in honesty, authenticity, awareness and Amy Ray. Looking to meet new and sort of interesting women. Call ★★5961.

This Is the Dawning
of the Age of Aquarius and the Year of the Monkey! What a coincidence—I was born in both! Maybe the dawning of a new friendship too? I like women who are able to be intimate, honest and spontaneous, as I am. I like to sing, talk, laugh, dance, cuddle, paint and have fun! Reply: 136 Guerrero, Box 104, SF 94103 or call ★★5962.

i want to pursue all artistic means of expression with a language beyond words in life as we see it... nature's true beauty has formed the body with a passion all her own... can we begin to touch the surface of such nakedness...? let me know. Call ★★5963.

Feminine Blonde
Still searching for my androgynous (leaning to butch) partner that's not afraid to show those wonderfully strong male characteristics. You're 25-35 yrs. young, spontaneous, free-spirited, caring and totally enthralled by an attractive, full-figured woman. Together we're happy, calm, content in each other's company yet still complete when apart. Friends first, then maybe more as chemistry evolves. Call ★★5964.

Who's the Best One?
You are, baby one! A million more times than you could ever possibly say! You have given me what I always wanted—a true and precious and passionate love. Thank you for your generosity, goodness, and faith. Like the first time, let's keep making even the rain a divine opportunity—for the rest of our lives. Happy six months! Happy Valentine's Day! Your one, T.

I Was Looking for Love...
... and not for copycats. You too. No coincidence we found each other through these ads. You're my favorite grad student, dog owner and co-cripple. Thank you for working so hard on this relationship. You're the best thing that ever happened to me. I look forward to being with you until we're as old as our antiques. —the Northern European Hybrid.

Down-to-Earth
GBF, full figure, warm, affectionate, likes movies, music, walks, loves to travel, likes to spend time cuddling and having good conversation, seeks someone who likes the same. Call ★★5965.

The Life of Your Party!
"Cosmopolitan" caliber designer seeks high profile but down-to-earth, healthy, intelligent companion for clubbing and making the gallery and fashion show rounds sometimes. I'm fast-paced, but mild-mannered; self-employed, but independently solvent (you too?). And though married to my work, it'd be fun to occasionally throw a light-hearted mini-fashion party together. Call ★★5966.

LAW
So, we found each other! I'm glad you are in my life and look forward to sharing many smiles, sunsets, sweet kisses, great times and much, much more. I love you. —BJW.

Valiant-Times Companions
We can afford to take time getting to know each other (not only "in the beginning"). Let's enjoy the best things in life which are free or low-cost and non-abusive. We are both handsome and gracefully lovely; adventurous as health sensitive; with steady, secure incomes. Deep bodywork training (I'm a pro), being semi-retired, "assertiveness training" skills, and skills exchange are pluses. Please leave detailed self-description. Call ★★5967.

H/art to H/art
Without sap... SF writer/performer with integrity, wit, compassion, wants a date not a merger (no U-Hauls or addicts, I've done my therapy, thanks). Seeks lesbians in 30s, under 5'6", into art, perceptive thought and conversation, natural health, play and creative alternatives to mostly everything. Call ★★5968.

Be Your Own Matchmaker
We are professional, self-confident, physically (sometimes fiscally) active, responsible, psychologically sensitive (nice, but not doormats), playful, romantic (slow dances, massages, dining out), dancers (especially Country-Western). Me: 40, LW, Mid-Peninsula, 5'1", sincere, high on life. Women's music and festivals, gay/lebian comedy, hiking, biking and more! You: 30-50, lesbian, available for relationship, within an hour, compatible with above. We: nonsmokers, no S/M, lt. alcohol (clean and sober OK). Make me a match? Reply BT Box FB12A or call ★★5969.

Looking to Settle
South American Jewish artist/filmmaker looking for a companion/stable relationship. I'm 38 and have traveled extensively. I smoke, love children,

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SM Dykes Wanted for Fun!
Looking for a few kinky women who wish to explore the edges and who are more interested in acting from their own individual style than in buying into yet another incarnation of the Attitude Police. Couple (40s) emotionally and spiritually stable, wishes to form a social/play circle in which we push limits with authenticity and creativity. Call Stray Cats, ★★5971.

To My Sexy Warrior
I love you from my toes to my (always)—Full Lips.

Be My Valentine
I am thirty-something, exceptionally cute, soft, butch of center, warm, charming and bright. I enjoy conversation, quiet times, dining in/out, watching films, live performances, listening to a wide range of music and cuddling. I am recovery minded and explore various levels of healing through body movement, martial arts, visual arts and sound. You are androgynous, 25-45, with a strong, firm, loving center. You are intellectually stimulating, emotionally courageous yet grounded. You are loyal, honest, sincere and open to experiencing new realms of life and sexual pleasure in a potentially wonderful relationship. You are respectful of spiritual growth quest and 12 step processes in others lives. You are a passionate physical lover, who enjoys cuddling up to sex, deep long kisses and bear hugs. You are positive and creative in your ongoing life endeavors. You have eloquent command over yourself and others. You don't settle for less. You are rich in personal integrity and extend solely from your heart. Prefer nonsmoker and no S/M. Reply BT Box FB14A or call ★★5972.

Anything Can Happen
Are you easygoing and fun-loving, yet capable of being sincere? Do you enjoy quiet moments and dolby stereo movies? You can be any age, any race as long as you're contemplative, compassionate, and capable of laughing at life. I'm in my late twenties, 5'8", 140 lbs., sarcastic yet sensitive, pragmatic yet playful. We might become friends or even lovers, if you'll call that number. Call ★★5973.

Cupid's Stress
The move, a party and a baby/ I think I'm going crazy./ A mortgage, the cats and two bunnies/ I'm stressed and it just isn't funny./ Through it all there's one thing I know/ Dear T, I do love you so./ Happy Valentine's Day!

Hey, Sheena!
After a year and a half, all of the animal magnetism is still here—who knew?! Remember when we met and heard that Connect and the fireworks could be seen (and felt) from LA to SF?? On this Valentine's Day I want you to know that I love you more than I ever imagined. You know me... A big ol' dork.

My Heart Belongs to E.Y.
For ever & ever; always and into eternity! E.Y., I will always have a spot for you to occupy in my life; so—here's to our eternal union of the hearts!! xoxoxo Betty & Sharon's Dominatrix!!

Slaves of New York
Former holder of rent controlled NY apt.'s now living on the left coast and sometimes wondering why. Gone are the mean streets, but also some of the heartbeats. Sunsets at the pier. The take it to the streets of being queer. The Lower E. Side and B'way, the great divide. Drop a line and show your pride. Include former addresses and when you were there. SF is burning but does anyone care? Call ★★5974.

Gorgeous Italian Woman
I'm 38, 5'1", dark hair and eyes, a nonsmoker, and an animal lover. I'm looking for Ms. Right. You are healthy, petite, 30-45, very cute, nonsmoker, love animals, like to have fun, have goals, and a positive outlook. Big plus if you are a good cook. We both have a wide range of interests. Please send detailed letter with photo. Reply BT Box FB15A.

Cast of Characters
pansexual with dyke rising, multiple personality (the fun psychosis) dreadlocked kali-worshipper, dedicated anarchist/activist, single mother of triple fire sign six-year-old, and generally crazy wench, seeks womyn who can put/keep up with me! Habits include: smoking various herbs, heavy transcendental s/m, Rocky Horror, polyfidelity, and giving tourists a reason to say "well! i never! only in california...." Call ★★5975.

Happy Valentines Day Weanor
Life is much grander with you by my side. You are more beautiful than the mere image I had held in my mind's eye. You are real, my image was just a dream. You have made me believe dreams do come true. We are now free to court the rest of our lives. Love always & forever, Your Big Weanor. P.S., Happy B-day, P.H.

Fried Green Tomatoes
Wouldn't it be nice to have an endearing friendship like that? Couldn't it eventually turn to be something more? If our basics match, let's trade recipes, and cook. Preferences: classical piano, reciprocal massages, reading books (MegaTrend 2000, Fit for Life, Communion/Transformation), vegetarian, life/street sense to academics, spiritual nurturing, healing our past hurts, fishing/camping/river-rafting, Japanese art, non-privileged/classist attitudes, down-to-earth, silly/serious, sense of the absurd, being around children, lipstick and perfume (but conscious of environmental allergies) heels to boots, building shelves, working on my car, wearing lacy lingerie, theaters/plays, comedy, free thinking, honesty, learn to salsa, play/watch/coach basketball, entrepreneur, good listener, compassionate heart, more important how money is saved than made, gardens, animals, emotionally matured, non-judgmental, attractive, giving, nonsmoker/user, between 39-55, and 5' and 5'?, 102.1/103.7, want to live in Hawaii, autonomy to do my thing/you do yours, motorcycle riding, live and let live. Please don't try to impress me, it'll all come out in the wash. Instead, let's just try to be relaxed and empathetic about the uncomfortability of having to converse and meet through an ad. All replies answered. Reply BT Box FB16A or call ★★5976.

Creamy
Complexion like a baby's butt, though you're working on 40. Wholesome and irreverent. Maybe from the Midwest—regardless, you reflect those values. You believe in magic, romance and reality. You bristle at the suggestion that you are soft butch—still you are attracted to women more feminine than you. You are strong & ready for a relationship. Call me at ★★5977.

Looking for Macho Slut
Slave girl seeks sophisticated lady by day and femme top by night. I need a strong, independent woman with a desire to tame me—hopefully in the bedroom, maybe on the floor. Looking for someone with emotional sanity and a sharp sense of humor. I want a woman who is good-looking, financially independent and culturally aware. An athletic inclination is a real bonus! Want to go skiing, biking, hiking? Or perhaps a game of tennis or golf? Catch a play, a movie or a show? Only those with an appreciation of the finer things in life need respond. Reply BT Box FB17A.

They Love Each Other...
How about joining me for a G.D. show over Mardi Gras? Clean & sober Deadhead into spirituality, drumming and outdoors. Vegetarian, part-time mother who loves to have fun. Am a hippie in drag by day, but by night... I'd like to find another such spirit. Must have a real life—whatever that may be. Nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile. Reply BT Box FB18A.

No Valentine Frenzy
Happy self-loving and fine. Warm bodies and hearts, peaceful companionship, exciting sharing and adventurous explorations of the saner kind—all appreciated. No desperation, addictions, abusers, S/M or shallow brain-dead. I am wild of 40, spiritual, Mexican-Native American, writer, non-role playing real woman, fit to be loved, great friend and lover. Seeking similar over 35 brown woman for good times and possibly more. Write to PO Box 21141, Oakland 94620 or call ★★5978.

Disparagingly Seeking Confusion
Busy therapy consultant in recovery from eldest-child syndrome, looking for travelling companion on spiritual journey to Marin Co. colonic retreat. I love long candlelit 12-step meetings and acting selfish under the guise of assertiveness. You should be perfect in every way. Please, no butches, femmes, androgynes or scary intellectuals. Interested? Sorry, I have a seminar that night.

Next Valentine's Day
We could give each other flowers (I love the beauty of nature), or take a drive or fly to some beautiful place. We could enjoy sports and activities together (I play golf, tennis, softball; swim, walk, throw the discus, want to eventually bicycle and hike after getting more fit). We could co-chef a great dinner, then savor it by candlelight while we make each other laugh, talk about dreams, progress and stumbles. We could choose to enjoy the company of friends, each other, or ourselves comfortably, and see solitude as a time to plan, think or relax. We can enjoy friends together or individually; and like me, maybe you believe a great partner comes from a trusted friendship blessed with good chemistry. I'm mid-30s, energetic beyond belief, funny, considerate, stable, life in SF, aspire to sing & songwrite. If you are late 20s to late 30s, mature, know where you've come from and where you want to go, like dreamers/comediennes with lots of interests and her feet firmly on the ground, and are convinced you're a lesbian (and like it), maybe we should start by being friends. Who knows? Maybe next year, we'll go to Maui and enjoy the exotic flowers. Reply BT Box FB19A or call ★★5979.

I Thank the Goddess for You
You have been the twinkle in my eyes and the beat of my heart since I first met you. I learned trust during our courtship on the many Sunday afternoons sharing walks, tea, movies and rain. And I have learned love, both the giving & taking and that I can have dreams. You are the "Febris" of my love and passion and I want you as my wife and partner in creating family. I love you, ART! —Babs

Attention "C" of Muir Beach
I want you to know... I hope you're still perusing the personals. I enjoyed talking with you. I found your voice pleasing. I like your integrity and honesty. We are all scared on some level. I am not your ex. We don't have to get married. You could meet me. You could even bring a friend. We might make great friends. We might find we have nothing in common. You could introduce me to your cats; if they did not like me, you could ask me to leave immediately. I come across much taller than 5'1", really. I hope you receive this ad in the spirit in which it is written—lighthearted and friendly. I would really be delighted if you called me (please don't say "no," the whole gay community is watching). —"S" from you-know-where.

I'm a dyke, 22, political, irreverent, interested in education/social services, work with kids, happiest as camp counselor, fascinated by hearing about other people's lives. I graduated from college last spring, left wonderful friends behind. Jewish, Quaker-educated. Current goals: to be more athletic (swim better), learn more butch skills (love carpentry), do whatever intimidates me. Looking for friends/lover. Please write to me at BT Box FB20A.

L'Chaim... to Life
I'm looking for an attractive, tall & stylish Jewish woman (30+) to date, to dance, to schmooze and to smile with in 1992. Are you light-hearted, strong, intelligent, compassionate, comical, self-aware, romantic and hot? You're in for wonderful, fun surprises. I'm a gentle, passionate woman of many interests—artist, cook, rebel, teacher and daring lover of life. Funny Polaroid encouraged. PO Box 460848, SF 94146 or call ★★5980.

I Love My Friends But...
Most of them are coupled and I am single (again). I'd love to find some other single dykes to spend time with. I am 32, funny, bubbly, warm, loving, Jewish, an ex-New Yorker, professional, educated, intelligent and a dynamite cook! I absolutely hate smoking, have no interest in drugs and only drink occasionally. I take a great deal of pride in: my home, loving and caring for the people in my life, being a dedicated professional, being an out lesbian and an independent person. I'd like to find friends who are also professionals, independent, stable, loving, caring, strong, and honest with themselves and others. I have eclectic interests, a playful spirit and am always willing to try new things, however, what we do together is not as important to me as who you are. I live in the mid-Peninsula but would be willing to travel anywhere between San Francisco and San Jose for a quality friendship! Call ★★5981.

Femme Fatale
I seek femme—your inner beauty would still my heart, your charm captivating, your intelligence enrapturing. I seek femme—your body well-maintained, your mind full of imagination, your interests eclectic. I seek femme—you are any race, any color, 20-35, appreciate chivalry. I believe my persona debonair, am 29, 5'10", athletic, nonsmoker. My interests are love of the outdoors, 12-string guitar, philosophy, videos, world travel. If you think you would like my company, write. I'm easily enchanted. Reply BT Box FB21A or call ★★5982.

Dear E.,
Thank God for: personals; school; red hair; baby steps; letters; garlic; Saturday mornings; kissing in cars; coastlines and Rangers; Charles & Towanda; Billy Bragg; warm clothes; wet, messy places; the seventies; mispronunciations; bathtubs; piercing; cottages; furry animals; backrubs; osento; and You, most of all. I love you, babes! —The Wart Hog.

Sensuous Adventure
Attractive, warm, gentle, feminine, petite snuggler, with twinkle in her eye seeks kindred spirit (40-55) for outrageous adventures and intimate encounters. I enjoy life, value quality time with those I love and savor my solitude. I possess and appreciate a sense of humor and an open mind. Love dancing, travel, sailing, soaking in hot springs, salty sea air and sand between my toes. Reply BT Box FB22A.

Exceptional Women Do
sometimes find each other! Are you bored by most people? Do you long for intellectually challenging, witty conversation as well as hot sex with a great lover? Wouldn't it be great if you could find both in just one woman, a lesbian who's taken care of her mind as well as her body? I'm a 40-year-old renaissance lesbian with diverse interests & a sense of adventure. If this is your fantasy, too, call me for details! Younger women are welcome & older, good-looking women are always appreciated. Box 117045, Burlingame 94011 or call ★★5983.

Marin
I am a 41-yr.-old professional, who is emotionally available, financially secure and attractive. I do not abuse substances or people. I enjoy dance, photography, tennis, drumming, the performing arts, going to the ocean, movies, dining in/out, romance, passion and belly-laughs. I am kind, loving, spirited and committed to personal, spiritual and intellectual growth. I love animals, open/honest communication, sharing ideas and sisterhood. If you are nonsmoker, not into S/M, clean & sober, enjoy similar interests, pursue own interests and are looking for someone to share love, laughs and life's experiences, do call. Jewish women a plus (though I, myself, am not). Marin Co. women a plus, though no place is too far to travel for a soul-mate, really (except maybe Siberia—I said maybe). Call ★★5984.

Make Me Laugh!
30ish political type seeks women, 30 to 45 and at least a little butch, to make me laugh. I work too hard but love to be distracted by movies, dancing, getting outdoors, and staying in. I can be cynical and irreverent, but I still believe in both politics and romance. You take time to notice the world's horrors but find joy in good work and good fun. You are smart, energetic, passionate and brutally honest. You don't smoke, don't live to shop, and like me, find drugs and alcohol boring. Call ★★5985.

Val-"In"-Time Heart's Desire
Artistic, stylish femme ready for wild, fun, exciting good times. Prefer open-minded butch-slanted gal. No smoke po-le-ze. Let's not take life seriously—get 'n touch. PO Box 424391, SF 94142 or call ★★5986.

Although I have physical beauty, what I work at maintaining is my inner beauty; which includes honesty, respect for others & myself and being comfortable with who I am. You are beautiful but don't have to "get ready" just to go to the store. You are comfortable w/yourself and the straight world. You value long-term relationships, communication, honesty and friendships. Sound good? Call ★★5987.

When She Left
She took the strap-on she bought for me. So I went out and bought my own toys. Now I need a playmate—or several—to help me discover how to have the most fun. I'm GWF, 30, interested in all sizes and shapes and colors of women. Not freaked by bi or straight, just not into boys. Tell me your desire. Call ★★5988.

Waltz Me One More Time Around the Dance Floor
41-year-old, average height/weight, enjoys dancing, especially two-stepping, music, animals, especially cats, walking, nature, outdoor activities, curling up by the fireplace, swimming. Am looking for that special someone, as well as friends, live on SF Peninsula but will travel. Dislikes smoking, if we have something in common... Reply BT Box FB23A or call ★★5989.

A Few of My Favorite Things
May also be yours: chocolate, 100 percent cotton, Ferron, wrestling in the grass, movies, Mexican food, skinnydipping in wilderness getaways, Sandra Bernhard, cactus, body surfing, drawing, Gauguin, rainy days in bed, massages, gentleness, words, passion and laughing till it hurts! I am 34 yrs. old, androgynously attractive. If some or all of these ring a bell, please don't hesitate. (No heavy drinkers/smokers). Call ★★5990.

I've Got
Running shoes and hiking books, a rollercord and darkroom dishpan hands. And I've got tofu in my frig, rocks from the desert on my shelf and Alaska on my mind. Seeking new friends & a honey. 27 years old. Strong legs are a plus. I'm shy so give me a call. Call ★★5991.

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World Music—Serious Fun
Capable musicians and yes, angels, sought by

Dykes To Watch Out For

Good House-keeping
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OUR COMBUSTIBLE COHABITANTS HAVE CONVENED FOR THAT LOATHESOME BUT UNAVOIDABLE PHENOMENON, THE HOUSE MEETING!
DRIFTS OF DOG HAIR. SLIME IN THE BATHROOM SINK. FOUR MONTH'S OF NEWSPAPERS STACKED IN THE KITCHEN. AND THE REFRIGERATOR! I'M AFRAID TO GO NEAR IT WITHOUT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND A GAS MASK!
LOOK, WE CAN THINK OF IT AS A RITUAL OF RENEWAL! WE'LL ALL SPEND A DAY TOGETHER, THROWING OUT THE OLD, CLEANSING AND PURIFYING TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW! IT'LL BE SO GROWTHFUL!
SPARROW, SPARROW, SPARROW. WE'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT TALKING ABOUT HOUSECLEANING HERE, WE'RE TALKING PRIORITIES. A CLEAN SINK MAY BE IMPORTANT TO YOU. BUT I HAVE MORE RELEVANT GOALS IN MY LIFE.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE SELFISH TO EXPECT ME TO TAKE TIME OUT FROM MY VALUABLE POLITICAL WORK, WHICH BENEFITS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, JUST SO YOU CAN HAVE SPARKLING BATHROOM FIXTURES?
VALUABLE POLITICAL WORK?!
YEAH, RIGHT. THAT WAS PROBABLY GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING GOING ON IN HER BEDROOM LAST NIGHT
LISTEN. THE WAY I SEE IT, THE REAL ISSUE HERE IS OUR CLASS DIFFERENCES. LOIS, YOU COME FROM AN AFFLUENT SUBURBAN FAMILY. YOU GREW UP TAKING A NICE HOUSE FOR GRANTED...
YOU NEVER FELT ASHAMED OF YOUR PARENTS' UGLY USED FURNITURE. YOU NEVER SPENT THE FIRST MONEY YOU EVER EARNED ON A PAISLEY BEAN BAG CHAIR. SO YOUR FAMILY'S LIVING ROOM WOULD LOOK MORE LIKE THE ONES ON TV!
SNIFF
VERY TOUCHING, GINGER. BUT IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE AS BIG A SLOB AS LOIS IS.
HEY! I'M WORKING LIKE A DOG TO PUT MYSELF THROUGH A PH.D. PROGRAM! I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THE SHINE ON OUR LINOLEUM!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS CLEANLINESS COMPULSION WITH YOUR ADULT CHILDREN'S GROUP, SPARROW.
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST NEVER REVEAL THE WHEREABOUTS OF A PARTICULAR BLACK LEATHER JACKET AND A CERTAIN OVERSTUFFED MAUVE ENVELOPE THAT ARRIVED IN THE MAIL THIS MORNING ADDRESSED TO GINGER "ANGEL LIPS" JORDAN.
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composer, multi-instrumentalist (M.A., Mills, with jazz, theater, experimental and commercial background). Let's form a musical group committed to healing, communication, humor and the enigmatic intuitiveness of shamanism. Have keyboards, synthesizer and wheels. Need rehearsal space. If you want to explore alternatives to the Bammie, stylistic, academic, or otherwise "hip" scene, please contact me. I look forward to meeting you. Call ★★6034.

Wannabe Lesbian Athletes
We're back with a tentative calendar of events. If you are not particularly athletic, insecure about your abilities or a complete beginner, we may be the group for you. Planned activities are roller skating, downhill skiing, bicycling, horseback riding, sea kayaking and rock climbing. Participants should be nonsmoking, drug and alcohol free lesbians comfortable in being "out." Carpe diem by calling ★★6035.

Dancing Buddies Wanted
SF lesbian seeks gay/lesbian/bisexual men or women, into all kinds of dancing, for trips out on the town in 2s or more. Funk, salsa, "World" music, country, etc. Seeking physically adept people of all races who are comfortable on the dance floor, and can have a great time without heavy alcohol/drug use. Not looking for romance —I just wanna dance! Call ★★6036.

Workout Partner
GWM, 30, 5'10", 160, good-looking and in good shape, seeks serious workout partner for evening weightlifting workouts at the gym. I am an Ivy League educated professional who takes his workouts as seriously as his career. I currently work out at World but would consider changing gyms if I find the right person. Give me a call if you are serious, dedicated and looking for a training partner. Reply BT Box FB600A or call ★★6037.

Dyke Gang Wanted
Let's rove, dance, cruise, laugh & play together. Bright women with an interest in creativity, motorcycles and leather are especially welcome (don't let the mention of leather scare you...). I'm 27, multidimensional, and energetic. Let's hang out with the girlz, check out new clubs, and share ideas. I don't care if you have a girlfriend or not, however an adventurous attitude toward life is a must. Call ★★6038.

Classical Musicians—Sightreaders
Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks accomplished singers/instrumentalists who need to share/perform music with kindred spirits in a lighthearted, joyful, informal atmosphere. "Born musicians" shouldn't do it alone! Give me a call and let's chat. I care. Call ★★6039.

Dylan Fans
Let's form a "Dykes and Fags Who Love Dylan" contingent for the parade. Think of the possibilities: Queen Jane Approximately, Frankie Lee and Judas Priest, the Sad-Eyed Lady, Quinn the Eskimo. And all the scenes we could create: Maggie's Farm, Desolation Row, Tears of Rage. So, don't think tywice, write me at Boxholder, PO Box 18, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6040.

Slaves of New York
Starting a social group for former New York lesbians. Call or write giving former address(es) and years of residence. For mixers, potlucks, etc. Reminisce about bars gone by. East Village dykes circa '70s particularly encouraged. Uptowners too! (We had to grow up, right?) Write Box 55, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6041.

Exercise and More
I'm a dieting, 44, GWM, 5'7", 170 (perhaps less), HIV-, healthy retiree looking for a partner(s) to go to the gym (City Athletic), swimming, tennis (Dolores Park), along with movies and concerts. I'm not totally out-of-shape but I want to improve myself physically and spiritually. My more cerebral interests include art, music and metaphysics. If you share some or all of these interests, call ★★6042.

Habla Espanol?
Yo soy un hombre y quiero conocer amigos para practicar Espanol. Mi Espanol no es muy bueno, pero yo estudio Espanol. Tal ves nosotros podemos almorzar y tener conversacion. (Yo tengo cuarenta y dos anos y yo soy alto y delgado.) Escribeme por favor: Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

HIV+ and Over 50?
We're a minority. So let's get in touch. For coffee breaks or maybe a movie or dinner. No sex or booze. We could start a group and call it the FHIVers. Too cute? If interested in friendship or projects, drop me a line. Reply BT Box FB601A or call ★★6043.

Vallejo Couple
Quiet homebodies looking for friends to share walks with the dogs, dinners, movies, etc. Purely social, not sexual. Neither of us smokes or drinks, prefer similar. RSVP Cruises, weekends in Reno/Tahoe, Clear Lake/Russian River, have friends over for dinner, remodel the house. That's what we like. Any other folks around here interested in the same sorts of things? Please write BT Box 602A. Thanks.

Albany Dykes
Albany may be small, but we think there's a bunch of dykes in town. Let's get together and find out where we all are. Sunday potluck brunch being planned. Call for details, ★★6044.

Hip-Hop Enthusiasts
Lesbian performer, 33, seeks lesbian(s) for dancing at Club Q (unless you're blessed with your own dance studio!). Want to practice/fine-tune hip-hop moves, and maybe choreograph routines. Age, race, size unimportant, but appreciation of cultural diversity, positive attitude, lots of energy and rhythm is! Let's work it. Call ★★6045.

Gung Hay Fat Choy
Are you Taoist, a Kahuna or dance the "lagong"? Tho not Asian this life, I miss sharing Pacific Rim holidays and meditative movement therapies (having practiced tai chi and bodyworks since '70s). Trade your "gusu chin" or ukelele, "chi gung" or hula arts for my tai chi sword dance and advanced massage instructions. Other forms of skills exchange apprenticeships considered. Or just chat some... Aloha! Call ★★6046.

Nights Out
Eclectic seeks same for kulture fun—music mostly. Tastes include speed metal, Mendelssohn, Japanese, be-bop, et al. I'm QWM, 37, pianist, dilletante, bureaucratic flunky. You: you name it, Bub. Send Als/XL II-S/CV/ or CD. Reply BT Box FB603A.

S/M Dykes Wanted for Fun!
Looking for a few kinky women who wish to explore the edges and who are more interested in acting from their own individual style than in buying into yet another incarnation of the Attitude Police. Couple (40s) emotionally and spiritually stable, wishes to form a social/play circle in which we push limits with authenticity and creativity. Call Stray Cats ★★6047.

Born-Again Pagan
Seeking other woman to form close-knit coven to celebrate life and ourselves by recognizing the Goddess in us all. I practice only positive magic, acknowledge cycles of the moon, phases of the earth and have respect for all living things. If you believe that life is a spiral dance, that the Goddess is alive and magic is afoot, and that you may do as thy will but harm no one, please call ★★6048.

Tourrette's Syndrome
Are there other gays/lesbians/queers with Tourrette's? Finding ways to live w/Tourrette's, making it a positive part of my life—have no interest in groups (of uncomfortable parents) dedicated to "Wiping TS off the face of the earth." Prefer the motto: "Tourrette's Syndrome means always being able to say Fuck You." Handsome, masculine, Castro QWM; I'm more than simply a chapter in Oliver Sacks' next book. How about you? Let's talk. Call ★★6049.

Weight Gainers and Encouragers
We'd like to invite you to our next weight gainers dinner party on Sunday, March 1st. For more information, call ★★6050.

Attention Deficit Disorder
Anybody else out there with ADD? You're hard to find. Gifted, attractive GWM, 40+ (also gym-toned, HIV-), diagnosed last year, seeks others in the gay community for support, friendship. All welcome to reply. Sex, age not the issue here. Please reply Boxholder, 3315 Sacramento St., #341, SF 94118 or call ★★6051.

Country Western Blues?
Are you tired of standing on the sidelines watching all those country western dancers fly across the room while you're itchin' to jump in, but you're too scared to try? Do you sometimes feel as if your feet are disconnected from your brain? If this sounds like you, do not despair. You are not alone. There are literally hundreds of you out there yearning to become two-steppin', shufflin', tush pushin', circle jerkin' fools like the rest. Call now for fast relief! Call ★★6052.

Foreskin
I want to meet other men with foreskin and admirers. Interested in ending routine infant circumcision and exploring ways to stretch or restore? Send SASE to TNM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146.

Looking for Co-Parent or Known Donor?
A group forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6053.

Guitar Player Wanted
GWM vocalist/guitar player looking for others interested in singing contemporary folk music for fun or profit. Have full time day job and family obligations but am looking to get together once or twice a month to jam, maybe build towards performance. Play mostly James Taylor, Simon and Garfunkel, etc. If you know lots of music or learn quickly and sing lead or harmony, let's get together. Call ★★6054.

Calling Ski Buddies
Lesbian downhill/x-country ready for serious slope action. Prefer ski buffs—open to all genders (not labelling). Transportation needed. Ready for speed or laid back, X-fun. Also—interested in travel companion to Europe in spring. No smoke please. Contact: PO Box 424391, SF 94142 or call ★★6055.

Bi
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A Vastly Misunderstood Lifestyle
It's generally assumed without discussion that relationships involving 3 people aren't "serious" or "possible." Even the bisexual community, so accustomed to questioning the status quo, is often highly hesitant to disturb this remaining sacred cow of what relationships "may or may not" be. This prejudice is reinforced by ads from couples seeking "playmates for fun times." Yet, there exist people who seek out the same loving tenderness and fulfilling serious relationship between 3 people as traditionally done by two. In fact, we know people who have been successfully in committed triadic relationships for years, as well as local and nationwide networks for support of this lifestyle. If you are interested in exploring joining our own quest to form a triadic relationship (described in the ad "Why Live ½ Life at a Time?") or simply network with other like-minded people, let us hear from you! PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6007.

Sex Slave Fantasies
Healthy, educated, trim bi single white male, 40s, seeking intelligent, responsible bi and lesbian female(s), male-female couples, groups, transsexuals to serve and submit to in erotically intense fantasy role play enactments. Seeking total submission but no heavy pain or unsafe sex. Open to all your safe sex fantasies such as prisoner, nude houseboy, servant, party slave, sex slave and more, much more. Call ★★6008.

Lake Merritt area cancelled my last voice mail (please no mean calls this time guys) but not before meeting my (present) lover and candidate for El—Me: wannabe mainly Gr/p—YAW and friends with El's girlfriend "Anat" in Heavenly sex triad? Need help getting over fear (of pain) and embarrassment at anal sex and latent spanking fantasies. Any Wiccan couple seeking ygr. SWM, shorter at 5'8", 138 lbs., 28 y.o.? Call ★★6009.

BiWM, 20, 5'11", beautiful, slender, with long blond hair, seeks to cross-dress. Discreet. Oakland. Wants to meet TV/TS, must be discreet in public. HIV-. Call ★★6010.

Let's Have Fun!
I love sensual, creative, recreational safe sex—with men and women. Looking to meet up with others seeking "one French affair" after another. Give pleasure, get pleasure. I'm early 30s QWM, looking for late-20s-early-40s (especially tomboys, ragamuffins and sex bandits). Dancing, long walks, silly videos, hand massage and passionate sex (indoor, outdoor, chocolate, vanilla, solo, duo, groups). No strings—just fun! Reply BT Box FB300A or call ★★6011.

Bi Boys Are Best
Men too. 43-yr.-old, attractive, live in Sonoma County—I always find the best lovers are bi. They're masculine & sensitive at the same time. Attitude more important than looks. Thick thighs are a turn-on. White briefs and facial hair. Very oral, very safe, yet kinky. You'll be pleased. Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★6012.

Why Live ½ Life at a Time?
Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6013.

Versatility Is a Plus!
SBiWF is seeking play partners of either gender for S/M fun and games. I'm Rubenesque, funny, playful, versatile (top & bottom), and enjoy movies, nature (outdoors), reading, dancing. I believe in openness, honesty, communication, safety, sanity and consensuality. How about you? Call ★★6014.

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★6015.

Exhibitionist Seeks Couples
30 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 145 lbs., very muscular, attractive, HIV- with preppy looks, wants to perform for attractive, in-shape Bi couple and others. Let me entertain you. Call ★★6016.

What Will Your Eyes Say?
You're a woman with a masculine side and appearance. You're enthusiastic about art, culture and entertainment from many styles, periods and ethnic traditions. You love the outdoors. Whether lazing in the wilderness or the beach or facing alpinist challenges. Join me in romance, adventure and growth. I'm a healthy, athletic, attractive, intellectual and creative man. My dislikes are religion, capitalism, television and small dogs. Call ★★6017.

Friends, Lovers, Sex Playmates
Bifemale or bicouple (M/F or F/F) sought who are innerly warm and tender; honest; sensual; self-aware; playfully yet capably versatile, erotic, or kinky yet non-abusive. I am BiWM, 39, slim, trim, furry, 5'8", bright, talented, independent, and the above. Variously experienced, neither too giddy nor cynical, healthy, 24-58, any color, shape or hair, HIV-, responsible, not grumpy AMs, ND: RSVP Call ★★6018.

Make My Dreams Come True
Bi-woman seeks long-term relationship with bisexual male couple. (Even thinking about triparenting.) I can't tell you why the idea of me loving you two or you loving each other and me appeals so much to me... It just does. I'm an intelligent radical artist who has the flame of life burning deep within. You both should be smart, funny and able to keep up with me. Call ★★6020.

31 Flavors—No Vanilla
But definitely Haagen-Dazs. BiF seeks same for friendly perversion and fun. Meltingly pretty blonde femme, bottom, 35, requests discipline and training from you: 22-42, reasonably fit, top or switch, femme or pretty boy. Sense of humor a must, attitude a liability, race unimportant. NS, no drugs, little/no drink. For double scoop, play with my gorgeous male friend too? No banana cream: we play safe, but a Double Rainbow of possibilities. Write with favorite flavor, photo/Xerox appreciated. Reply BT Box FB301A.

Wanted: Sexual Adventuresses
Does a menage a trois excite your imagination? Looking for an attractive bisexual female couple for carnal debauched pleasures. I am a tall, dark, exotically handsome HIV- bisexual man with a passion for the sensuous and the erotic. Discreetness and safe-sex are musts with me. This will be an experience none of us will ever forget. Call now! Let's begin our adventure. Call ★★6021.

Aggressive Amazons
Your abundant robustness is overwhelming to both women and men. Your size and strength easily intimidates others. You accept and enjoy this with a matter of fact self-confidence, but you are "bigger" than that. You are powerful and playful, both mentally and physically. You enjoy a challenging argument and a competitive wrestling match. You are a big, strong, strapping woman seething to strap one on for this bisexual man. Call ★★6022.

Lesbian With Bisexual Side Emerging
Seeks gay/bisexual man for friendship followed by other kinds of exploration, chemistry willing. I'm independent, creative, literate, appreciative of the silly and bizarre, androgynous and rather striking. Capable of great intensity and insight. If you have similar qualities, are honest, 20s/30s, cleanshaven and conversational, tell me what else you are. Must be able to go slow and have a penchant for mixed genders, mixed metaphors, but not mixed drinks. No "straight-acting." Reply BT Box FB302A or call ★★6023.

Sincere, Natural Bisexual
BWM, 51, 5'10", 150, brown/blue, looking to meet mature male who is intelligent, in good shape, and enjoys outdoor activities. I'm healthy, body-conscious, HIV-, and like gardening, hiking, tropical plants, rare birds, movies, and classical and CW music. Nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinker, looking for 30-55 men with like interests and statistics. Please write or call! Reply BT Box FB303A or call ★★6024.

MEN

Wanted: Aggressive, Handsome, Very Masculine Men
by this handsome, slender, shy, 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 170, with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. We are both affectionate, enjoy the outdoors, HIV-, nonsmokers, not into the bar scene, upbeat, happy with our lives but would like to have someone to keep warm with and snuggle at night! PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★6060.

Maha Shivaratri
Shivaratri is coming soon. Intelligent GWM, 40, 6'1", 185 lbs., br/bl, smooth, HIV-, looking for young friend to celebrate in our own unique way. Reply BT Box FB70A.

Affectionate
GWM, 38 y.o., 5'10", 175 lbs., blue eyes, bald, beard, healthy HIV+. Would like to meet other men under 50 who are kind-hearted and sensitive. I enjoy camping, classical to CW music, dancing, romance, long walks, cats, dining in or out, quiet evenings at home. I am sexually versatile, enjoy closeness. Reply BT Box FB71A or call ★★6061.

Careful What You Ask For...
You just might get it! GWM, 29, 6', slim, very cute! Ready for partner. Likes: Lennon/McCartney, Beethoven, Paul Simon, Star Trek, yoga, Glide, scary movies, cold side of the pillow, stand-up comedy, horsing around, Enya. I'm a musician/composer, centered, comical, compassionate! You: similar interests, smooth body, masculine, cute, +/- 4 years, HIV-, European, blond, or musician a plus! Give it a go! Reply BT Box FB72A or call ★★6062.

Huge Belly??
Do you have a huge, prominent belly? One that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, this handsome, masculine 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 170, with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache wants to hear from you now! Call ★★6063.

Let's Make a Deal
I'm older; you appreciate maturity without dogma; I'm white; you're one of the various colors that enrich the planet; I'm tall; you're shorter; I look and touch; you're up for grabs; I'm accessible; you're decent; I'm a bit lonely; you have room in your life; we like champagne and dislike smoking; I'm interesting and you're exciting (reverse OK too); let's work this out at PO Box 640424, SF 94109 or call ★★6064.

A Rough Sketch
of the man I'd like to meet. He's bright-eyed and playful; smart but not pedantic; wacky; frat/jock/LL Bean type, equally happy dressed up, in jeans or nude; on the line between angel and devil; laid back but not brain dead; in good shape and good looking. No smoking, leftists or daddys. Me: GWM, 25, Cal grad student, bl/bl, 5'10", 155. Call ★★6065.

Asian Student Seeks Friendship Only
Gay Asian male, 5'4", 128 lbs., 27 y.o., seeks man, 18-36, for honest and sincere friendship only. Prefer non-smoker, non- or light drinker, drug free, goal-oriented. I enjoy reading, listening to soft music, a good fun clean conversation. Please write to: Boxholder, PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★6066. "Serious only please."

Bearded, Handsome, Horny and Fun
Masculine guy, 41, 5'9", 170, HIV-, is fun, laid-back, horny and easy to be with. If you're similar, give a call. I'm into havng fun and keeping it light (not seeking marriage). Hope to meet a few men who share my lust for hot sex (kissing & snuggling too), are masculine (preferably w/beards), and like simple pleasures (eating, film, music, hiking, etc.). Call ★★6067.

Sacramento Nice Guy
Attractive, unpretentious, clean-cut GWM, young 40ish, 5'8", 135, br/br, looking for friends who are warm-hearted, affectionate, stable, have a good sense of humor, enjoy films, dining out, home cooking, weekend getaways. Turn-ons: boyish GWM, GAM, nonsmoker, drug free. Please send letter, photo (I will return), phone to Boxholder, PO Box 661342, Sacramento 95866-1342 or call ★★6068.

Tired of the Same Old Grind?
Masculine, handsome GAM, 5'6", 30, br/br, slim build, HIV-, looking for light-hearted adventure or serious thrill. You provide conversation about old standbys (jazz, fiction, flicks) and you're skilled in delivering intenser pleasures. Whether you pitch or catch is unimportant as long as you play safely. You are GM, 18-35 only, HIV-, good looking but no brainless beauty, liberal, spunky. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB73A or call ★★6069.

Where is the Real Man?
That I could share my crazy personality, soft sensitivity, active lifestyle and love for insatiable sex. No games. Me: SWM, 25, masc., 5'9", 170#, br/br, enjoys working out, dancing, indoors and outdoors. You, like me, are a romantic at heart, but all man outside as well as inside. Your well-toned, youthful, athletic body stands 5'10"+, with proportioned weight. Being well-endowed, single male is a must. If there are similar interests, send photo to Boxholder, PO Box 1370, Rohnert Park 94928.

Very Best Head!
Now that I've got your attention: cute, mid-30s guy, 5'10", 185, friendly, intelligent, looking for men to date & have good sex with (yes I do give... see above). Especially like big, well-hung men, chunky or lanky, but any man with some sizzle is good. Animals welcome. I like being pawed and licked. Call ★★6070.

Down-to-Earth Nice Guy
Seeks same, 39 y.o., 6', blue eyes, nice build, bald/buzzed head, beard, hairy chest, hung, nice looking, nice smile, creative, funny, affectonate. Turn-ons: hairy, bald (or not), love men with strong, natural smell (like me), J/O, hugging, etc. Turn-offs: poppers, drugs, S/M, cologne, body piercing, cockrings, attitude. Many interests. Relationship-oriented, bright, loving & great catch for right person. PO Box 423833, SF 94142 or call ★★6071.

Hot Young Asian
Drives me wild. Lay back & enjoy intense attention & service you deserve, regularly. I want to feel your hard muscles, caress your smooth skin, savor your masculine smell, nibble on your tits, wrap my arms around you.... For more details, GAM, 5'9", 150 lbs., 5", waiting for your call to provide you actual demonstration of total devotion. East Bay, San Jose calls welcome. Call ★★6072.

GJM Early Twenties
looking to date a together, fit, fun-loving GWM in his twenties. I'm 5'7", 155#, with brown hair and eyes. This friendly, clean-cut, active, attractive, out college student would much rather compare notes over the phone than in the newspaper. Write me with the basics and your phone number. Who knows — this might be the start of something special! Reply BT Box FB74A.

Submissive Wanted
You get your pleasure giving pleasure to you 6'1", 190#, nicely built, 43-year-old man. You are foremost skilled and dedicated in providing oral satisfaction. You've got a pussy for a butt. If interested, we'll talk about it a little. Call ★★6073.

Muscle Worship
WM, 6', blond seeks muscular guys who enjoy posing and flexing those muscles. You worked hard and will receive the personal attention you deserve. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017 or call ★★6074.

Corduroy
Corduroy fetishist wants to meet others with same interest. Age unimportant. Reply BT Box FB75A or call ★★6075.

1992 Overture
Country man, rural dweller, 39 y.o., HIV-, re-emerging from 3-year celibate phase, desires fiendship with likewise masculine, versatile, stable and emotionally available guy. I'm independent, self-reliant, capable, motivated, enthusiastic, good at survival skills, attractive but often shy with new men. Want to visit my back country haven? Let's make overtures. Boxholder, PO Box 974, Redway, CA 95560.

Serious Shopping
At the ripe age of 40, I feel ready for a grown-up relationship. Am HIV-, good-looking, very tall, trim, don't smoke, don't drink (though I used to do a lot of both), well-educated, professionally successful. Looking for HIV-, physically attractive, trim, successful guy, preferably younger than me. Preferably bottoms-oriented. Clone or S. of Market looks leave me cold. (I like guys who order from Lands End catalogue, as opposed to International Male). Like hiking, movie (Art and trash), architecture, writing. Like guys willing to show their feelings, take risks, and work hard. Also, like guys who like children. Photo exchange would be a good start. PO Box 423512, SF 94142 or call ★★6076.

Hung, Uncut Cuban
Handsome, bi masseur has fantasy of watching other attractive, over-8" uncut men in different settings and self-play ways. Only voyeuristic, tactile, light and innocent explorations. I'm a sensuous, child-like, eternal beginner. Call ★★6077.

Search for Signs of Intelligent Life
Intelligent, slim, cute, brown-skinned, clean-shaven GM, 25 (blk/blk), new to area, looking for interesting friends (22-33) in SF and San Mateo-Palo Alto areas. Nuts about music, films, long walks, ethnic food, swimming & good conversation. Looking for bright, honest guys with a sense of humor with whom to share and enjoy the fun life has to offer. Reply BT Box FB76A or call ★★6078.

Ritual Spirit
I am: QWM, brown/green, 5'9", 137, 30, pierced, shy, short hair, student, working boy, cyberpunk artist. I like: discovery, honesty, simplicity, sensuality, touch, expression, learning, teaching, modern primitives, candles, incense, steel, short hair, long hair, Haight, Uranus, underground music, techno, industrial, new concept, old concept, modern rock. I want: similar together guy-friend, 21-30ish, sharp mind, rough edge, soft heart. Share some time. Reply BT Box FB77A.

Headline
GWM, 28, 6'3", 180 lbs., HIV-, good-looking, fun, honest and a little bit arrogant. Generally but not exclusively I like similar. Companionship very important. Interests: the paper, movies, gaining weight at gym, others. Call ★★6079.

European College Student
who is new in San Francisco is looking for friends to go out and have fun. I am an attractive white male, 23 years old, and I would like to meet other college students or other males around my age. Please send replies to BT Box FB78A or call ★★6080.

Farmer Wanted
Midwest-raised dairy farmer looking for dairyman or rancher in CA for possible relationship. I am 32, no smoke, drink, drugs. I am spiritual, clean, neat, organized, prefer you are also. Farming is not easy, but it could be rewarding if that right man exists, race not important — humor is. Send reply to: 1182-B Market St., Box #733, SF 94102 or call ★★6081.

Me: Earthy; Hairy; Guitar; "Italian"
w/moustache/grn. eyes/husky-mesomorph/above av. lks.* (it's rel.!), shaved bald hd., fair shape* (mover). =: forthright/real/direct; tactile; cuddly; sensual; spontaneous. Not: abstract-mechanistic "intellectual." UR: (??) lifesoulmate; monogamous; mavericklike; nurturing. No kink; gr. pass.; music!!! Improv. + comp. = Ornette; Zorn; Mahavishnu; King Crimson; Hendrix; Bach; Indian; Gregorian. New + old. Film: Bergman!! My Dinner w/Andre; Equus; Elephant Man. Humor: Bogosian; Python; L. Bruce; Allen. Read: Krishnamurti; RD Laing; Lawrence; Miller; Watts. RU red/pale/uncut? No obsessions. Call ★★6082.

Hot, Healthy & Horny—GBM
This nonsmoking, drug-free Man of Color is seeking same. He should be emotionally secure with a great sense of humor and no reservations about his sexuality. Enjoy clean, safe-sex practices and appreciate one on one encounters. A friend is wonderful, a companion would be great. But, for now, let's get acquainted. Bonus points: Photo-5 pts., sexy Hallmark or Shoebox-4 pts., HIV+ 3 pts., Negative-2 pts., not tested-Zero, shame on you!! Reply BT Box FB79A or call ★★6083.

Last Dance, Last Chance
I've lead the fast life from 17 years old till now at 38. I danced at the wildest discos, ate at the best restaurants, drank every drink and tried every drug. I have no complaints, no regrets but one. The time went by so quick—I forgot to find a boyfriend. Now I find myself HIV+, healthy, and looking for more than a dance. I'm lt. brown/blue, 6', 165, handsome, professional, versatile lover, enjoy quiet times at my Russian River house, plus an occasional wild night out dancing till dawn. They tell me I had it all, I know there's more! Note/photo. Reply BT Box FB80A.

North Bay
Caucasian male; 25 y.o., 6'4", slim, br/br, clean-cut, affectionate. Interests: metaphysics, wholistic health, vegetarianism, massage, sight hounds, and Star Trek TNG. Seeking a masculine man who is 6'+, top, HIV-, with similar interests. Plusses: facial/body hair, beautiful smile, earthiness, free-spirited. Please no smokers, drug users or alcohol abusers. Must reply with photo for response. Reply BT Box FB81A.

Bohunk from Podunk
I like a man to be built by himself (and God), both physically attractive (baseball biceps, etc.) and honestly self-made, professionally speaking like myself. I like blue-collar, bohemian, cowboy, jock, or white collar types, as long as the latter knows how to get down and have fun. Prefer 5'9" to 6'3", and 165-195 lbs., since I am exactly midpoint, and around 25-35 age range. Dig guys with big feet, who are as comfortable in the country as in the city. Might also like country music/dancing, dogs, horses, outdoors, sports and working out. Reply BT Box FB82A or call ★★6085.

Asian Male, 22
Seeks friends who like swimming, walking, talking and making our own fun. I am 5'7", 130 lbs., in good shape. I like intelligence, gentleness, kindness, imagination. Please write with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 425577, SF 94142 or call ★★6086.

Little Dicks
I love unusually endowed guys, and especially those with small cocks. The smaller the better. Let me give you appreciation and treat you the way you deserve. I'm 5'10", 150 lbs., 32, in good shape. Reply to PO Box 190702, SF 94119, preferably including phone number and picture. Call ★★6087.

Good-Looking Daddy
Wants boy-next-door for friendship, versatile sex, who enjoys city/country living. Prefer good-looking, under 5'11", well-built, cute butt, sense of humor, HIV-, 29-39. Me: 5'9", 155#, 40-something, handsome, well-built, established. Send photo. Reply BT Box FB83A.

Musical Soulmate
Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented lifemate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, humor, interpersonal growth, awareness, intuitiveness, inner beauty, altruism, devotion, health, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, intensity. GWM, 44, 5'7", 120. I'm "whole"; you must be also. Call ★★6088.

Asian Man Wanted
GWM wants to meet Asians for friendship or more. Me: 51, 5'10", 180, HIV-, brown hair, blue eyes, nonsmoker, no drugs, social drinker, professional, live in SF, masculine, sincere, friendly but also somewhat quiet. I really enjoy Asian men —let's get together for a date. Call ★★6089.

Let's See What Happens
Affectionate, easy-going prof. GWM, top, brown/green, 42, 6', 180#, nonsmoker, non-drug user, interested in other cultures, seeks slim, smooth, affectionate 18-35 y.o. or so prof./student GAM/GLM bottom under 5'10", to enjoy dancing, movies, skiing, drives in the mountains, nude beaches, cuddling and more. Respond with letter and returnable photo to Boxholder, 2269 Chestnut, #851, SF 94123 or call ★★6090.

Expanding Limits, Expanding Horizons
Sound intriguing? Big, beautiful, 33 y.o. teddy is looking for the right partner to further explore and savor the delights of B/D, control, worship, light S/M, spanking, shaving and slavery. You are often submissive, always honest, versatile, communicative and trustworthy; attractive, creative and eager to learn. Be into handsome husky men who honor and deserve the respect they demand of you. No substance abuse. Call ★★6091.

Black Exhibitionist Wanted
Amateur videographer seeks willing men of color for solo J/O videos. If you like to show it off I will put it on tape—let me help fulfill your fantasies. Copies available—no $, lotsa fun! Call ★★6092.

Safe and Regular Sex
Attractive, intelligent, caring, sensual, WM 30s, 5'9", 165, brn/brn, HIV-, seeks blue-eyed, hairy, HIV-, medium to husky build, WM for reasonably discreet, caring, sexual friendship. Interests include the arts, outdoors, reading, music and a relationship anywhere from casual to committed. Letter and photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

Feet
GWM, mid-30s, looking for other guys into barefoot play—sucking, licking, tickling, or whatever else. If this is something that turns you on—or something you'd like to try, let's talk about it. Three-ways, experimenters, OK. Call ★★6093.

If I'm Such a Great Guy
... why am I still single? I shower daily, feed the cat, pay the rent on time. I'm well-groomed, at least decent-looking, upbeat, upscale, educated, professional, ready for commitment to a slightly younger, 25-40 (?), bright, cheerful, well-packaged man. I'm 40-something, 5'9", 164, blond, smoker, HIV+, healthy, versatile, oral, great kisser, loyal lover, tired of coffee dates. Let's make love and get acquainted on the pillows. Call ★★6094.

Warm Hands, Warm Heart
I really enjoy the relaxing and therapeutic benefits of a good massage. I am seeking other attractive young men (HIV-) to exchange artful touch—novices to explore together and the experienced to teach me. I am handsome, 28, and have a silky smooth, nicely defined physique. Let's untense those muscles, stimulate those chakras, and release those endorphins! Call ★★6095.

Abbracciami Tesoro!
Romantic Italophile, avid traveler, gym-ite, and usually all around nice Jewish boy likes great meals in trendy restaurants and dives, foreign films, long walks and hot tubs. The usual: 5'9", 163 lbs., dark, dark and furry. And enough muscle for a good arm wrestle. I'm 35 and would love to go out with you for Valentine's Day. Telefonami. Call ★★6096.

Time Out
Overdosed on personals? Not finding what you want? Take a break. Meet a GWM at the top of the heap—intelligent, sensitive, mature, stable, HIV-, N/S, athletic, good-looking, intimate and fun. I've got a wonderful home in the suburbs, two great kids, lots of interests and insights on life. You'll need energy to keep up with me, flexibility and a clear mind. We'll do the rest together. Call ★★6097.

Briefs, bikinis, swimsuits/nylon, cotton, silk. All turn-ons. Me: late-40s, 5'8", 140 lbs., balding. You: same age, not overweight. Asian, Latin, plus. Call ★★6098.

Looking for Mr. Right
Are you looking for a real meaningful relationship? Do you want someone who will treat you right? Well, me too! I am GWM, 23, 5'8", bl/hzl, stocky frame, mature, professional, intelligent and honest. I live in Marin and enjoy working out, dancing, movies, theater, and biking. Looking for someone under 35 who is loving and can make me laugh. Let's get to know each other. Call ★★6099.

Outdoor Type Guy?
Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 31, 6'2", 165, wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, biking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, clean-cut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant; kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Call ★★6100.

Brotherhood (Yo, Girlfriend)
Masculine GWM, 29, 6'3", 185#, glasses and furry seeks equal (no sons, no daddies) for dates, intellectual pursuits and testing rubbers. If you're smoother, thinner, or younger that's good, and so is a good vocabulary or extreme wealth. Tricks or marriage optional. I like museums, dogs, scooters, cities, leather and sweaters. I don't smoke, vote Republican or live at a gym. Reply BT Box FB84A or call ★★6101.

Cuddly Goofball
That's me. I'm a good-looking, warm, humorous, romantic, HIV-, 41-year-old nonsmoker, and I've decided it's time to have more fun! I'm looking for a man who's 26-43, handsome, a nonsmoker, HIV- and who likes to walk, loves music and movies, wants to cuddle and have a lot of fun. Call me, make me smile and you've got a date. Call ★★6102.

Dear "San Mateo Store Owner"
You answered my 1/30 ad titled "Sensual Buddy" (box 5823) with a charmingly inviting voice mail message, but neglected to leave your phone number. Was this a tease? This affectionate, articulate, tall blond wants the chance to communicate with you, so hope you read this and will try again. Liked what you said, and how you said it. Let's connect! Call ★★6103.

Veux-Tu Lutter?
You're clean-living, strapping, boisterous yet gentlemanly and you love to wrestle. Speedos or nude, oiled-up or shower-fresh squeaky-clean; the playful, safe/sane challenge of taking on a lithe, sensual, determined opponent who's always improving his fair-skinned 6'3", 38 y.o. frame, gives you a rush, not a fear; quickens your heartbeat & readies your toned musculature for the friendly fray. Are you game? Call ★★6104.

Bondage Top
Explore your bondage fantasies with this dominant, aggressive, safe, good-looking GWM top. 5'10", 145 lbs., 48, 7", brown greying hair, moustache. Nonsmoker, drug-free, masculine man with lean, muscular body seeks same. No FF, WS or pain. Prefer a top-oriented man who harbors a desire for an occasional bottom role. PO Box 190052, SF 94119.

Positively Active
Very good-looking, 32, GWM, clean-shaven, 5'10", 170#, all muscle from mtn. biking, rollerblading, tennis, racquetball, gym, step aerobics. Healthy HIV+, clean lifestyle—no drugs/drink/smoke. Warm, funny, understanding, sensitive, sensual (top), emotionally & financially stable describe me. Love the outdoors, life & cooking for someone special. Does any of this appeal to you? Self-employed, looking for someone to share quality time with and relationship oriented. Call ★★6105.

Hugs and Kisses Come First
My arms hold what the world lacks. Lonely, shy, honest, sincere bear seeks a cub for extended and regular periods of lovemaking. Relationship oriented. Once won't be enough. Me: attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs. Top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, bottom with slim build. Looking for affectionate individuals who are looking for more than an orgasm. Call now for details. Call ★★6106.

For Real
Very attractive WM, 28, 5'11", 160 lbs., brn/blu, well-hung, fit/muscular, shy, seeks attractive, in-shape guys, 18-30, for erotic encounters. Dark skin and foreskin a plus. I don't care if you smoke, drink or vote, as long you're cool and open-minded. You won't be disappointed. Call ★★6107.

A Classic Man
Healthy, masculine, spirited, lean, fit, erotic, Yoga-enthusiast and gym workout, educator, Spanish speaking, well-balanced, sensual, humorous, lovable, youthful, slight beard, balding, somewhat hairy, uncut and hung, top man, 50, 5'9", 148#, seeking a younger, attractive, sexy, shorter and fit bottom man, who, like myself is into exploring a relationship. Nonsmoker/drinker preferred. Moderate body hair and bubble butt a plus. Photo (returned). Write Boxholder, PO Box 590112, SF 94159 or call ★★6108.

Beam Me Up
Star Trek Captain look-alike seeks mate to explore planets, solve mysteries, live to be very old, extinguish all cigarettes. Reply BT Box FB85A.

Totally Boyish GWM
... seeks white or Asian guy in SF for friendship and more. I'm 32, 5'7", 125#, long brown hair, nice smile, friendly, unpretentious, intelligent. Into film, rock and roll, art, exploring the city. Looking for a cute nice guy, slim, cleanshaven, nonsmoker, probably my age or younger, with compatible interests. Would prefer someone of similar height/weight—I'm tired of being crushed! Call ★★6109.

Young Love
Attractive, intelligent WM, 41, seeks young, 18+,

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partner for a lasting relationship. I'm more likely to become a lifelong friend than a one-night stand. I'm funny, have a cute smile, a good job & am HIV-. I offer honesty, fun & loyalty & am hoping for the same. Please send me your photo to: 1827 Haight St., #45, SF 94117 or call ★★6110.

I Was a Teenage Okie

Recovery began with acceptance of a higher power (Bette Davis) and culminated in the journey to SF to find one man—me. Found him, like him, and am now ready to share the best parts of him with the right guy. Check your Okie stereotypes—True ones: big (6′, 180#), masculine (super-hairy, butchly non-GQly handsome, trim face-fur, man-things in abundance and I don't answer to "girlfriend"), honest (no talent for games), straightforward and down-to-earth. I like white-trash food, cuss fluently and, yes, it's true about those big country-boy dicks. False stereotypes? dumb, uneducated, inarticulate, fundamentalistic, conserative, unsophisticated and racist. Not. Enjoy the contradictions: long-time hetero-husband is now politically, culturally, totally and proudly gay; the rough, passionate versatile sex and tough man exterior never really conceal a vulnerable and gentle heart. I am 38, reddish/brown, Irish/Amerindian, multi-talented, professional, funny, insightful, literate and affectionate. If I love you, you will feel very, very loved. Current epicenter of Tiredness: men who think strength means withholding love. Into psychology, sodomy and Sondheim—not dance/sex clubs, bars, gyms or silly boys. You are under 45, unchubby, Caucasian or Asian (probably smaller, darker, smoother than I). We're both romantic, HIV-, bright, communicative, educated, sincere, unafraid of love and free from the usual addictions (drugs, tobacco, alcohol, Jesus, mom, the last boyfriend, etc.). Yes, I'm ready for a relationship and so are you. Don't respond if you think the need for mutual love is a pathology. I'm not intimidating—just a big, sweet, mean-looking puppy (just as loyal and loving and twice as likely to knock you down and lick your face). All responses treated with respect, so let's exchange letters/photos/calls, then go get some coffee and a happy ending. (Scientific postscript: studies indicate a powerful correlation between advertisement length and cock size.) Reply BT Box FB86A or call ★★6111.

GWM, 52, Seeks Young Son

Hard to get, attractive, healthy, active, 5′6″, 125#, grey beard, glasses, overbite, very, very hairy, hung, grad student psych., MA botany, +180 IQ, HIV-, 7+ years clean & sober Gay AA seeks under 26 years any race, good looks and big dick not important, no anal or oral or unsafe sex. Seeks affection, conversation, friendship, cuddling, nudism, foreplay, hiking, philosophy, art, serious music, massage. Write Box #229, 65 Washington St., Santa Clara 95050.

Handsome Latino

Seeks attractive, stable, healthy, fun and overall down-to-earth GWM. I am 5′9″, 150 lbs., 28 y.o., br/blk, HIV+, healthy, educated, sometimes lonely, and very easygoing. I enjoy movies, concerts, politics, conversation, cuddling, travel, food and drink, optimism, and just about everything else life has to offer. Ads are too short for life's details. Take a chance. I am. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB87A.

Handsome and Hefty

GWM, 38, 6′2″, 270 beer-bellied pounds, short dark hair, penetrating green eyes, dry sense of humor. I've an appetite for good food, tropical climates, sexual intimacy, the usual entertainment options (except opera), quiet evenings. Am looking for someone near my age, primarily a top, in reasonable shape, who appreciates my size, has some similar interests and is looking to have fun. Call ★★6112.

Slim Chinese or Viet Wanted

Sincere WM, young for 42, 6′2″, 174#, trim, HIV-, bl eyes, seeks warm-hearted slim to skinny Asian 20-34 for caring friend or lover. Plus if you are shy, exercise, not into bars. PO Box 210202, SF 94121 or call ★★6113.

Looks and Brains

Big, good-looking silver fox, 44, bright, intense and fun-loving, who loves reading, film, intelligent conversation, The City, (good) theater, lit'ry/film criticism, puns, parody, satire, cartoons, dancing (from two-step to hip-hop), seeks others to relate to, mentally and physically. A warm, humorous, impatient, stubborn, caring, creative (O no!), thoughtful, loving, assertive man who strives for the right life, writes his own poetry, and likes his leather jacket without the usual macho junk. I am HIV-; I run and go to the gym; but I love minds more than bodies. I am a high-intensity, quality male who does not follow the herd; I am looking for others like me. Age, economics and HIV status are irrelevant; but no smokers, please. Reply to: PO Box 410990, SF 94141-0990.

Looks, Brains, Personality

I knew that would get your attention! It's true: GWM (Germanic ancestry), 28, 6′, 180 lbs., athletic, seeking similar. Good looks are important, but so is a good sense of humor. I haven't got a script for what I expect from this ad, so call and perhaps we can compose something mutually satisfying together. Call ★★6114.

These Are Trying Times, Guys

And it'll take more than jerk-off fantasies to get us through them. I'm looking to connect with a real, three-dimensional man, someone of good heart and humor, down-to-earth, with a fit body, generous spirit, playful nature, and an intelligence that comes as much from the heart and balls as it does the mind. I'm 42, 6′, 160 lbs., brown hair/beard, hazel eyes, HIV-, fit, sane, masculine, exercise daily, and am raring to go. I'm a great lover of the outdoors, hike and backpack when I can, love to write, drum, wrestle under tangled sheets, go Thai, feel the curve of a man's hard body next to mine, and share good times with a special buddy. I'm not looking for one-night-stands or a bunch of attitude. What I want is a special connection with a self- and other-loving man. If this ad is talking to you, let me hear about it (with photo, please). Maybe we can make some beautiful music together. Reply to PO Box 170426, SF 94117.

Mexican Guy

Dark hair, brown eyes, 18, 5′10″, 155, would like to meet an inexperienced white male under 30 to have a monogamous relationship with. We both are HIV-, not into drugs of any kind, and straight-acting. I like foreign languages, going to the movies, getting around and making friends. Turn-ons: clean-shaven, blue-eyed blonds. Call ★★6115.

Seeking Slim Asian or ?

Sincere WM, young for 42 years, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, clean-shaven, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny, 20-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, professional. Prefer warm-hearted relationship-oriented, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover, open to sincere friend. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Serious Only

Good-looking GWM, 40 y.o., 6 ft., 175, dk. hair, bl. eyes, top. Tired of games, seek good-looking GWM bottom, 25-35, for serious monogamous relationship. Please serious only. Call ★★6116.

Make Me Lick

Your leather boots and suck your dick. And do your bidding in general. A slave in bed, I'm a Democrat at the dining table, thoughtful, focused, and philosophical. GWM, 41, 5′11″, 160, HIV+. Photo and note appreciated. Reply BT Box FB88A or call ★★6117.

Shy Taurus

I am a professional GWM, 46, 5′7″, 160#, HIV-, balding (bl/hzl), nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs, bottom kind of guy. I love cooking, theater, passion, reading, bridge, Christmas, pets and travel. I don't like bars, kinky, or gyms. East Bay condo owner. You are my age ±10 and are the top with matching interests. Reply BT Box FB89A.

Hot Weight Lifter

34, 6′2″, 175 lbs., very muscular stud, exclusively top with big thighs, well-defined chest. Need regular safe-sex partner who works out, is boyish, 18-34, HIV-, athletic, cute, in excellent shape. Into making out for hours and getting blown. No tricking. No one-night stands. Want something steady. I'm a busy guy with average looks who needs a simple arrangement with someone sweet and understanding. Potential boyfriend. Well-educated a+. Call ★★6118.

College Student Seeks Companionship

Gay Asian male, 5′4″, 130 lbs., 27 y.o., seeks men, 18-35, for friendship. I am looking for someone who is well-rounded, goal-oriented, nonsmoker, non- or light drinker, drug-free. I enjoy cooking, listening to soft music or just going out doing fun things. Please write to (serious only please, thanks): K.T., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★6119.

Unwillingly Unique

Original, not weird, 6′2″, lt. br./bl., 36, short hair, healthy, seeks red/blond or any Irish types (freckles?), totally straight talking/looking, good talkers. Interested in just about everything, hate New-Age bull, nonacademic but very widely self-taught, creative prof., born SF now in W. Marin. Suspicious of ponytails, earringed weasels. If you're young or young-hearted, or better, good-hearted, why not risk it? How else to meet? Call ★★6120.

Quality Only

Seeking to meet relationship-oriented GW soulmate. Me: Attractive professional, young-looking 42, fair, 6′2″, 195, great body, down-to-earth and yet romantic, extremely affectionate, caring and sincere. HIV-. I enjoy painting, photography, travel, working out, dancing, and just being with my one special person. You: have similar qualities and desires, pref. dark, with facial hair, 34-44, HIV-, nonsmoker. Reply BT Box FB90A, with photo.

Young Midwesterner

Young (24 y.o.) GWM, good-looking (really, it's true), masculine (yet comfortable with who I am) Midwesterner can't find what I'm looking for in the bar-scene. I'm 5′8″, 145 lbs., athletic. I'm into sports (playing and watching), the outdoors and much more. If you're young (21-26), good-looking, in shape, interesting, and intelligent GWM, send me a letter and a photo and we'll see what happens. Reply BT Box FB91A.

Chancetaker

GWM, 6′, 34, 170, HIV-, with fair skin. Some of my interests are movies, volunteering, spectator sports, intimate long talks, massage/cuddling, safe sex, kissing and romance. Fun, honesty, humor, sincerity are very important in whatever I do. I am looking to meet similar-minded people. Together we are nonsmokers/non-substance abusers, who are willing to take chances. What's outside doesn't count, what's inside counts! Call ★★6121.

Willing to Share

Thought a Valentine's Day ad would be one way to start that special relationship. When I came out my best friend gave me advice on what to look for. I've edited the list to: employed, college-educated, not living at home, nonsmoking, non/light drinking, honest, open and secure in themselves. Most importantly, willing to share their life and make a commitment. I'm an attractive, 35 y.o. GWM, 5′11″, 170, thinning hair, clean-shaven, very blue eyes, with a hairy chest. Successful career, financially secure, nonsmoking/drinking, HIV- top. Enjoy travel, photography, movies, friends, politics and keeping in shape. You are around 25 to 40, in shape, match the list with similar interests and values. If you think there could be magic, then take pen in hand and write a note with your picture (I'll return) to PO Box 192901, SF 94119.

Body & Soul

No butch/femme games—easygoing top (or buddy) seeking easygoing bottom (or buddy) w/ smooth dark good-looks (Asian, Latin, Italian or ?) 18-35, 150 percent safe sex, videos/fantasies (Matt Ramsey, Kirk Cummings) and also seeking more serious Partners/friends: music (pop, gospel, jazz, rock, etc.), simple stable lifestyle, moderate, sense of humor, philosophy, sci-fi, ethnic food, no heavy alcohol/drugs... I'm GWM, 29, 5′9″, 150#, hairy, clean-shaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.B., 41 Sutter #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★6122.

Gay Black male, 30, 5′11″, 180 lbs., attractive and submissive bottom. Seeking adventure, change and new fantasies. My 50 y.o. Italian Daddy enjoys watching other men take me. Top guys are encouraged to respond if they are into being watched, topping a hot bottom that is eager to please, thinking about exploring 3-ways in a safe environment or just like sex. Be our Valentine and let us unwrap you. Call ★★6123.

Wanted: Daddy Bear

Me: 26 y.o., 160#, 5′9″, br/gr., cute, boyish, Latin/Italian, cleanshaven, very smooth, creative. Into: Grateful Dead, vegetarianism, spiritualism (neo-Paganism?), camping, cuddling, art, travel, philosophy, astrology (dbl. Cancer), beer drinking, old porn, growing, hairy bodies, big dicks, beards. You: 35+, hairy, hung, bearded, intelligent, vegetarian?, spiritual, stable, cuddler, mentor looking for son/lover. Call ★★6124.

Seeking GAM or GIM

With a moustache or beard. Japanese, Persian, Indian a plus. Tall and trim, HIV-, no smoke/drug/drink important. You are masculine but gentle and sincere in nature, 29-43 years old. I am a GWM, tall and slim, brown/green, moustache/glasses. HIV-, 36 years old. Former filmmaker, world traveler, now anthropology student. Let's meet and get to know one another! Call ★★6125.

No Fuss Three-Way

East Bay couple: GWM, 34, 5′11″, 136, br/hzl, hairy chest, nice pecs and GWM, 37, 5′10″, 140, br/gr, both HIV-. You: GWM, 25-40, athletically inclined, HIV-, for occasional casual safe sex. Basic randy fun couples considered. Call ★★6126.

Foreign Affair

Attractive European, early 20s, educated, professional, interesting, 5′11″, br/bl, slender, sexually inexperienced but probably submissive, seeks a good-looking, in-suit-and-tie, professional father, gentle, experienced and comprehensive. Physically very well built and very muscular, great firm body and willing to give me good instructions. I live in SF and don't drive, drink or smoke. Call ★★6127.

Hot Safe Fun

Looking for buddies who would enjoy being tied down spread-eagle and then slowly worked into a tortuously sensual and ultra-heightened state of excitement by a gd-lkg masc. BB. Your writhing and moaning in ecstasy is my goal. Bondage novice OK—any age or body type too. If, in turn, you'd enjoy toying with musc. pecs, great tits, big biceps, etc., then the reverse situation is avail. to you but not nec. Also lkg for a day gym partner with w/o to occ. be followed by pumped, sweaty spread-eagle action. Your photo/letter gets mine. Reply BT Box FB92A.

The Nose Knows

Will the fresh scents and aromas in your personal world provide olfactory delight to my wild Armenian nose? Some favorites: sun-dried laundry, fresh-ground coffee, something from the oven, anything minty or citrus or balsam. I'm fit, forties, furry. Published novelist. Looking for sensual, stimulating, indulgent companion, HIV-. PO Box 14121, SF 94114-0121.

I Confess

I want a lifetime commitment to/from (with) a GAM!! Sound desperate? I am! Desperate for this elusive thing called life. I relish success and accept responsibility for failure. Long-term goal-planner loves spontaneity. Am attractive, funny, adventuresome, romantic, affectionate, and generally happy. Ask my friends... they told me so! Willing to stand by in hard and easy times. Me: GWM, 5′10″, 30, grn eyes/red hair, 160#, HIV-, love to read, talk, photograph, hang out, movie, travel, laugh. You: late 20s-early to mid-30s. Let's get to know each other; a new adventure starts in April!! Call ★★6128.

Smooth Preppy Blond Boys

Who crave heavy-duty ploughing should send their photo and a letter to this top Dad. I am 45, 5′10″, bearded, reasonably husky, and covered with thick, blondish fur. My dick is big, red and mean. My interests include luxurious living and debauchery. Lick that stamp and stick it on an envelope addressed to: 2336 Market St., Box 131, SF 94114.

Write to Me!

What happens to communication? What happens to romance? I am thirtysomething, quiet, passionate, 5′9″, 160 lbs., GAM. Into movies, reading and live shows. How about you? Please write with photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 766, Daly City 94017.

Straight, Married and Bodybuilder

Massive bodybuilder, national level, 24, 6′, 225# of rockhard muscles, 58″ chest, 21″ arms, very handsome, extremely virile, no body hair, shaven cock 10x7 (she likes it)—I shoot 4 loads. Unsatisfied in bed, curious about gay sex, seeks discreet sex partner. I'm not into types and more interested in what we can do in your bedroom than your measurements. Leave explicit message. Call ★★6129.

Likes 'Em Short

I'm looking for a small, slightly built guy who likes to nuzzle and cuddle. I'm a WM, 34, handsome, clean-shaven, auburn hair, hazel eyes, 5′11″, 165#, HIV-. I've a nice build and have soft, fuzzy body hair. You're under 5′5″, clean-shaven, cute, fun, active, preferably 25-35. Photo preferred but not mandatory. We're both great catches—let's check out the chemistry! Reply BT Box FB93A.

Are You My Valentine?

I'd love to have you if you're real nice, cuddly and able to care about me! I'm a GWM, 5′11″, 135 lbs., 50, HIV-, clean-shaven. And don't smoke, drink or use drugs. Could you be slim, younger, shy, lonely, perhaps a Scorpio or Capricorn, the old-fashioned kind with breeding and good sense, please? Write your Valentine at: PO Box 2282, SF 94126.

Peninsula

Question. Have you gone to bed with any of these guys: Couperin, Vermeer, Rabelais? How was it? Have you developed meaningful relationships with any of them? Keep reading if you did. Me? There were many, many more than these three. I have crossed the ocean in my search for the other ones. GWM, 36, 5′11″, 175, masculine, athletic, clean-shaven, bald, short hair, hairy, HIV-, v. energetic, stayed out of trouble through all of those years and am not willing to make it available for less. Artistic talents and hobbies, fascinating job. E. European background, proud of his family's input to history, of all the battles they lost and won. Warm, altruist willing to invest in supportive relationship with stable, classy gentleman, 30-40s, who knows how to tie bow tie, is a cosmopolitan (may be good skier) and lives reasonably close to P.A. Reply BT Box FB94A or call ★★6130.

Smooth Southern Boy

Hi, I'm looking to meet a few cute, smart boys (23-33) who are easy-going, confident and do not live in the gay scene (but aren't closeted). I'm a homebody (but not a couch potato) with a variety of interests that include old cars, movies, tennis, dogs, and working out. I'm good-looking, 29, 5′8″, with reddish-blond hair and green eyes. I'm hung and in shape. Race is not important, nor does it matter whether you're an extrovert or quiet and shy. All bright and passionate boys next door encouraged to respond. Please no leftists, 12-steppers or religious zealots. Call ★★6131.

Positive Sex/Friendship/Romance

Whether we're friends, buddies or dating, let's have fun! If we turn out to be right for each other, all the better. I am a good-looking GWM, 31, 5′11″, 165, brn/grn, hairy and work out regularly. I also am HIV+, healthy and asymptomatic. You should be handsome, top/versatile, hopefully hairy and above all, nice. Obviously this is awkward, but take a chance—send a letter and photo (essential—returned if you ask). Reply BT Box FB95A or call ★★6132.

Your Valentine Awaits in Eureka

He is a very attractive Italian, very young 59, 5′8″, 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown nonsmoker short beard, moustache, hairy chest, uncut, employed. Seeking lifemate who's early retired or financially secure, relocatable and in good shape, as I am. I'm considerate, dependable, monogamous, clean, neat, nice guy. Enjoy reading, movies, plants, board games, conversation. All answered. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043.

East Bay Eroticism

Seek playful safe frolics. Attached and in need of a (consensual) occasional sex buddy. I'm 31, 6 ft., 175, bl/brn, good-looking and in good shape (swimmer). You could be 22 to 30ish, handsome, not too hairy and in good shape. No commitments, just good times. Reply Box 139, 1862 Euclid St., Berkeley 94709 or call ★★6133.

BM Seeks WM

I'm a BM, 35, 210 lbs., 6′, masculine, educated, career-oriented professional. Interests include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, weightlifting, prof. wrestling, tennis, science fiction and much more. You are a masculine WM, 30-48 y.o., 190+ lbs., muscular, beefy, in-shape, NS/ND, HIV-, seeking a friendship and steady relationship with a giving, fit BM. Reply BT Box FB96A or call ★★6134.

Seeking Young Male

Very masculine GWM, 35, 6′2″, blond/reddish hair, blue eyes, 205 lbs. Seeks no nonsense straightforward relationship with a young male (18-23) in the Bay Area. Looks are unimportant, personality a plus. PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252.

Men of Color

Upbeat Caucasian guy in open, committed interracial gay marriage looking for new friends. Not a sex thing but open to safe sex if chemistry's right. Please have sense of humor and self-confidence. I'm affectionate, mature and nurturing. 40, 6′, 175, clean-shaven, red/blond hair. Open-hearted & Buddhist, into travel, gardening, meditation & children. Boxholder, PO Box 882872, SF 94188-2872. All letters answered.

Daddy's Boy Needs Adoption

Boy is GWM bottom, HIV-, 22, 6′, 165#, short brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, cute, smoker, does not drink or drug, in need of love and direction. Daddy should be GWM top, 33 to 55, 5′8″+, medium to large build, facial hair a must. Strict and affectionate, hairy a+, lite S/M, B/D, heavy cuddling. Please, daddy, train me to be your boy. Call ★★6135.

No Shopping for This Guy

Very attractive, clean-cut, athletic, masculine GWM, 33, 5′9″, 165#, seeking companionship, romance and affection. I am well-educated, serious about my career, sincere and honest, and maintain a healthy skepticism about anything trendy. Interests: adventure travel, the Olympics, slide shows, the Red Sox, Rachmaninov, Copland, Pink Floyd, unpopular movies, Jeopardy and current affairs. Not interested in shopping, gay gossip, leather, BMWs, religion, or astrology. Sorry, but facial hair, smoking and drinking really turn me off. If you are a very attractive, athletic, professional, GWM, 25-37, who shares these interests, please send a photo and letter. Reply BT Box FB97A.

Hassle-Free Head

by hot 29 y.o., 6′2″, 180#, clnshvn & boyishly handsome. Just call me when you're horny and I'll be over. Your place only. SF only. Turn-ons are cut cocks, sexy underwear & porno. One time or ongoing (hopefully ongoing). Kick back & enjoy. Call ★★6136.

Healthy, good-looking PWA, w/a good body, good attitude & a good sense of humor. I'm 45, 5′11″, 170, brn/blue, moustache, nonsmoker, looking for a similar kind of guy. There's nothing like a stimulating conversation over a hot cup of coffee or a fine Chardonnay. It's fun to swap stories (I certainly have enough of them) but I also enjoy conversations about the real stuff: inner feelings, spiritual work, personal growth, goals—you know what I mean? I like to do all the usual activities: movies, C&W dancing, garage sales. But I'm also open to new adventures. Let's take some risks, test the waters. Call ★★6137.

Under 5 Inches?

Professional, not into gay scene, looking for inexperienced, clean-shaven guy with small build, willing to be sexually pampered. Must be nonsmoker/non-drinker. Speech/hearing impaired welcome. I am 6 feet, 40 y.o., HIV-, caring and honest. Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★6138.

Husband Material

Successful professional with a lot to give seeks mature soulmate for longterm commitment. GWM, 38, tall, trim, swimmer's build, bearded.

I'm HIV-, attractive, intelligent, self-confident, articulate, spiritual, nurturing, monogamous, witty. So are you. Ability to talk about feelings a must. Passions: movies, theater, gardening, cooking, writing, psychotherapy. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Photos returned. Reply BT Box FB98A.

You've Got the Body

I've got the brains. Let's make something happen: travel, mutual support, community activity, theater, dancing, fine dining, healthy living, working out, making life exciting with someone who's financially able to make it easier. You're 25-45, slender or "in-shape," very hung, top, left-leaning, new age, not into drugs. This "in-shape" 38-yr.-old, 145 lbs., positive, average looking, kinky, blue-eyed man with twisted humor, and only a little hair (on top anyway) may be someone to support you in a new, mutually beneficial relationship; or just someone to take a great trip with. Write your stats, (picture?), what you'd like, to: Travel, 3360 Adeline St., #7304, Berkeley 94703.

Need an East Bay Friend?

Attractive, masculine, light-skin black male, hazel eyes, 6'2", 190, young 44, well-educated, professional, honest, humorous, warm, sincere, romantic and very dependable seeks young (25-45) Asian or Man of Color for movies, travel, dining, outings and safe fun. Nonsmoker only, light drinker OK. Regular and lasting friendship is desired. Call ★★6139.

"Ever Just the Same..."

Ever a surprise...." GBM seeks relationship-oriented GWM with whom I can develop a genuine, no-bullshit relationship if the chemistry is right. Me: 33, 6'1", 185#, HIV-, live and work in San Francisco. I am Ivy League educated, outgoing, sensitive, affectionate, funny, romantic, attractive, spiritual. Many interests include writing, reading, working out, movies, sports, theater. You: compassionate, playful, open, strong, fun, unpretentious, with the ability to laugh at the absurdities of life and to revel in its joys. While I consider myself flexible, I tend to be physically attracted to guys 27-38, cleanshaven, in reasonable shape. I have a special weakness for alluring eyes and an inviting smile. "There must be more than this provincial life...." Reply BT Box FB99A or call ★★6140.

Think of Him as a Friend First

Disarmingly attractive GWM, 47 (looks 37), 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV+, cleanshaven, long hair, nice body, warm, affectionate, seeks a taller (to 6'3") muscular man, 28-50, who is also a kind and loving soul. I love nature, dinner jazz, healthy food, the gym, bikes, hikes, movies, back massage, erotic excitement and intimacy. Reply BT Box FB100A or call ★★6141.

Jazz Person Sought

GWM, 36, 5'5", 120 lbs., dark blond hair, red beard/moustache, green eyes, hairy chest. Seeking: GBM, GLM, GAM (others OK also) who enjoys jazz/crossover (KBLX, KKSF, KJAZ type) as beginning mutual interest area (also dance, theater, art, your suggestions). Let's hang together, hear some music, dinners, get to know each other for a while. Note: I use manual wheelchair since '80 accident. Let's destroy the myth... I work, do laundry, drive, shop, all life activities as others do... including getting hard (though that comes later). Friends first, if feels right to both of us, some things can develop/continue. Reply letter/phone. Reply BT Box FB101A or call ★★6142.

Asian 'n French Seeks Other Asians

Hey, what's up? I'm looking for new frenz in the Bay Area. I'm 5'10", 165, bl/br and 22 years old. Hopefully I'll get to meet some great frenz. I like outgoing guys and maybe we can become more than "frenz." So talk to you soon. Peace out! Call ★★6143.

My Last Ad...

With a true Valentine's wish. I want more than anything to find and fall in love with a GM who is 18-30, fun, romantic, honest and loving. (Qualities I believe I have.) Like me, you should enjoy music, dancing, movies and quiet times alone. To me, looks are not important, but height = weight ± Okay. I'm a cute and lonely GAM, 21, 5'7", 165, black/brown. Call ★★6144.

Unconventional, Heartfelt, Wildly Affectionate

I am handsome, thoughtful, 6', firm, hairy-chested, HIV-, appear Italian 33, though 47, slender, cleanshaven. Interests: Macintosh, graphic design, "Dinosaurs," yoga, Tai Chi. Please share: feelings, ideas, bagels, ocean's roar, Marin hike, kind words, dance, reassuring touch, noble thoughts, genuine cry, a tender kiss, longing arms, the truth. You are: heartfelt, cute, non-pretentious, youthful, earnest, HIV-, slim or firm, good complexion, health, humor. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB102A or call ★★6145.

Nectar in Paradise

Masculine GWM, 5'9", 175#, well-built, hairy chest, 36, balding brown hair, baby blue eyes, short goatee and moustache. Living on the Windward side of Oahu in Hawaii. Versatile top looking for versatile bottom. If you're visiting the islands cum sample the Nectar in Paradise. I'll be visiting SF in mid-March and looking for buddies. Photo/phone gets same. Men only. Reply BT Box FB103A or call ★★6146.

Young African Fellow

Interested in making good friends and correspondence invites you to write. I enjoy my African culture and wish to discuss it with one who will tell me all about the gay cultures in America. All welcome. Please write: Kofi Anderson, PO Box 7701, Accra-North, Ghana, West Africa. Please be discreet.

Muscle-Mauling Mat Mayhem

SF Rasslin' Bear, 39, 5'8", 150 lbs., strong, stocky, solid, bearded, very hairy, very experienced grappler, looking for other tough guys to maul on the mats. No-holds-barred roughhouse matches to submissive, pro style in trunks or ringboots, or bare-assed in jocks, on mats in home gym. Sweat, pain, punishment guaranteed. Special preference for other hairy-chested bears, but welcome all comers. Call ★★6147.

Sun, Moon and Stars

is what I seek in a friend and companion, who enjoys life's adventures. I'm a GWM, brown eyes, 5'11", 180 pounds, 35, and have a well-toned physique due to my regular workouts and hiking/jogging. I have a smooth, hairless body, tanned and I'm into passionate oral pleasures. I'm HIV- and a nonsmoker. Let's get acquainted and experience the intimacy of each other's company. Call ★★6148.

Tired

Of cruising the bars? Written and/or answered ads without success? Still optimistic that your special man is out there? So am I! I'm a GWJM with eclectic interests, a good sense of humor and a strong desire to share my life with that special someone. You: under 50, mostly top, NS, HIV- and proportioned height/weight. For more details, see and call "Exercise and More" under "Special Interests" section. Call ★★6149.

Spanking Stepdad Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warm-hearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit, attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Monterey Area Nudist

40, WM, 6', 160, brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities, non-sexual friendship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger—high school, college students welcome. Pen pals welcome. Nudist group forming. Also seeking individuals with self-contained motorhome who would be interested in clothing optional living situation on 100 acres, private, secluded, very rustic, private property. PO Box 0406-BT, Gonzales, CA 93926-0406 or call ★★6150.

To "Mi Burrito" GAM

On Thursday, January 16, around 7 p.m., you came into "Mi Burrito" restaurant on Fillmore Street (with a man). You are slender, bearded, and are Japanese (I think). You are very, very cute! We smiled at each other a lot. I would really like to talk with you. I am a GWM, brown hair, moustache, glasses, tall and slender. Please call ★★6151.

Sophisticated

GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs., blu/brn, gym-toned, cleanshaven, HIV-, intelligent, college-educated, professional, good sense of humor, outgoing, sexually versatile, wants to share good times, travel, restaurants, bicycling, bridge, time at home with similar cleanshaven HIV- male, any race to age 45. Your picture gets mine. PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★6152.

I like to read (just re-read "Magic Mountain"). I like to walk (city neighborhoods). I like to travel (just back from India). Attractive GWM, 37, trim, HIV-, non-drinking, seeks intelligent, attractive companion for movies, strong coffee, walks and whatever. I'm a practicing Buddhist, a professional writer. I'm a little shy (wears off fast) and new in town. Write/photo preferred, but will answer calls. PO Box 423512, SF 94142 or call ★★6153.

Scorpio Unbound

35, 6', 170#, dark hair, dark eyes and a big dick. I like sex morning, noon and night and love being naked in the sun near a beautiful sleek man who is secure with his body and his mind. If you're a little bit stuck-up (or are you shy?), 25-35, sassy, strong, sexy and talented—send me a picture and blow me away. Reply BT Box FB104A or call ★★6154.

Definitely a Good Catch

Handsome and sexy GWM, 52 (looks 40), 5'10", 175, toned body, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive, masculine man for dating and possible longterm mate. Interests include outdoors, hiking, gardening and playful romancing. I'm HIV-, nonsmoker and would prefer same. You are perhaps 10-15 years younger, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors oriented triple pluses. Drop me a note with photo. Reply BT Box FB105A or call ★★6155.

Lonely at UC Berkeley

Attractive GAM grad student, 27, 5'9", 164#, would like to meet other GM under 30 on campus for: lunch, working out at RSF, hanging out at Cafe Milano, swimming up at Strawberry or whatever else we can think of. Call ★★6156.

F.F. Action

GWM, 34, 5'10", 175 lbs. Good-looking and gym-toned body with a nice butt. Short black hair, beard and moustache. I'm a versatile bottom looking for an attractive, experienced top to work my butt and patiently explore my limits. Also into tit-play and 3-ways! Call for more information! Call ★★6157.

You're Needed

by GBM top, 6 ft., 190, 45-yr.-old into submissive bottoms, 30+, any race; possible relationship if chemistry is right. I like to touch and probe, safe sex a must; condoms; light S/M; aroma; tit-play; massage; like music; art; dining out, some drinking. Photo appreciated, will be returned. Contact: Ali, 1230 Market St., Box 615, SF 94102.

I'm a Smoker

Professional GWM, 35 yrs. old, HIV-, 6', 195 lbs., auburn, green, moustache, would love to meet a sensitive, caring man, my age or younger, for friendship and hopefully relationship. I enjoy theater, movies, dancing and love massaging and cuddling. You should have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I know blind dates are risky—please take the risk with me. Leave a message. Call ★★6158.

Socially inept and rapidly aging boy toy with bad breath is (not surprisingly) available for friendship and sex. I'm a 27-year-old lean, bearded, non-smoker. You should be hirsute, with gray hair and a bushy moustache. Serious commitment remotely possible but don't count on it. Photo and letter to: 2336 Market St., Box 131, SF 94114.

Best Toe Job in Town

Yes, you read that right. I am looking for GWM, GLM or GAM with soft, ticklish, healthy feet to lick, suck and make love to for hours at a time. Seeking ages 18-36 for this GWM, 34, br/bl, cleanshaven, good-looking man to cast pleasure on your soles. Give a call to the feather master for a ticklish situation. Call ★★6159.

Moustache or Bearded Men

You are 28-43, handsome, in-shape, athletic, slim/medium build, masculine (cowboy not houseboy), nonsmoker, adventurous, humorous, stable, honest, HIV+/-, sexually versatile, sometimes shy, sometimes assertive, and just plain normal. I am 38, 5'10", 170, redhead, bearded, attractive, HIV+, exercised, adjusted, monogamous, and a damned nice guy. We both want to share companionship, travel, outdoors, culture, sports, romance, touch, community service, and breakfast in bed. First talk, then breakfast. Call ★★6160.

Do You Think I'm a Nasty Boy?

Let me lick the sweetness of your sugar cane. Give me something I can work with. Yeah, that will do. That's right. I can't control it. I need 6" or more. Get it up. Get it up. I'm ready for you. Well, are you done? Wake me when you finish. Me: cute, naughty, 25, 5'8", 145#, blond/blue. Call ★★6161.

Take My Hand

A large part of me longs for a partnership where I can be nurtured, supported, coaxed out of my defenses and fathered. I want to experience love with a kind and handsome man who inspires me to feel safe enough to spread my wings and soar. I'm not seeking a daddy who dominates, spanks and disciplines; a big-hearted man, age 30-55, strong and secure enough to be gentle, loving, playful and supportive (not possessive) is who I long for. I'm an intelligent, intuitive, understanding, well-exercised, young-looking GWM, 46, 5'7", strong, smooth-skinned, attractive, very sensual, highly tactile, decidedly unconventional. Integrity and service are very important to me. While I often present myself as forthright, self-sufficient, independent and an initiator, there's another quiet, loving, shy and childlike part of me that longs to emerge. I prefer that you be a nonsmoker, open to receiving as well as giving, and attentive to your body and spirit. Reply BT Box FB106A or call ★★6162.

Cute Hairy Guy

Seeks younger companion for social and physical pleasures. I'm 44, 5'7", 135 lbs., with green eyes, dark hair, moustache, and hairy body. You're 25-40, slender, and (preferably) hairy-chested, and you enjoy hiking, movies, intelligent conversation, and cuddling. Together we'll explore the Bay Area, listen to music, go dancing, take walks, discover restaurants and learn more about ourselves. Reply BT Box FB107A or call ★★6163.

North Bay

30, GWM, 6'4", 200 lbs., bl/bl, HIV-, career-oriented, financially secure, masculine, gd-lkg, big dick, sexually versatile, NS, lt drinker. Likes camping, hikes, skiing (water & snow), movies or just cuddling by the fire. Seeking GWM, GLM, GBM, for friendship & more. You could be 30, but 24-38 would be fine. You could be 6', but 5'8"-6'6" would be fine. You could have dark features, but light would be fine. You could be very good-lkg, but good-lkg would be fine. You could be a Dr. or a lawyer (for my mom) but employed & stable would be fine. You should be NS, ND, able to become friends & more if more arises. Basically I'm looking for a regular guy like myself. Masculine, not into bar scene. More interested in relationship than just sex. Repond with photo & phone for fast response to PO Box 348, Fulton, CA 95439 or call ★★6164.

Basic Stroker and 69er

Sought by short GWM, 43, 155 lbs., brown/hazel, balding, sexy, good shape, very well-endowed and uncut (proof available). Looking for well-hung men only, any race, for safe sessions. Straight/bi and first-timers encouraged. Enjoy erotic pictures and videos, European culture, languages, outdoors. Let's talk about our fantasies. I'm easy. Call ★★6165.

Cute and Hairy

GWM, 30, 5'4", 120 lbs., blond/hazel eyes, seeks GLM, 21-31, who is masculine and physically fit and looking for a relationship. I like dancing and hip hop, also enjoy quiet nights alone with the right man. I'm open-minded and shy, more bottom than top, but not a queen. So if you want to talk or get together, write: Boxholder, PO Box 208, Pinole 94564 or call ★★6166.

Let's Go Guys

Positive-oriented, down-to-earth guy. Preppy in dress, but bohemian in heart. Lover of nature, cultures and peoples. My interest includes offbeat and foreign films, museums and art exhibits, design and antiques, live 105. Me—loyal, monogamous, HIV-, little experience, 33 yrs., 130, 5'4", Filipino, Spanish and Chinese ancestry. Described as anywhere from cute to downright handsome. College-educated, steady job, financial survivor. Seeks non-chubby, 25-38 GWM, GLM or GAM with same likes and background for friendship and or monogamous relationship in Bay Area. Reply BT Box FB108A.

Black Skin, Blue Collar

Superbly handsome, 32, GWM, masculine, yet attached to his feminine needs: nurturing home-life, cooking, cleaning, panties, etc. Seeking a special black man who is masculine and exclusively top, one who is confident, affectionate and happy. Send letter & photo. Reply BT Box FB109A.

Caring Cuddler

Sought by healthy, quiet, educated Asian who loves the mountains and the beaches, the musical offerings of the City, the beauty, peacefulness and resources of the Berkeley campus, the friendly and mutually enriching Foggy City Dancers, the rap and support offered by the Pacific Center, and Milo's massage class where we learned to love with our hands. Desire quality interaction with sincere, accepting, physically fit individual. No drug or smoking please. Reply BT Box FB110A.

GWM, 34, seeks other young men to age 36 for dating/exploring possibility of a relationship. I'm nice looking, tall, slender, healthy, HIV-, with brown hair & blue eyes; wear glasses. Enjoy the outdoors, theater, movies, art & politics. Nice, thoughtful, intelligent guys with some shared interests encouraged to respond. Sexually, I'm mostly top with preference for smooth body GWM in decent shape. Photos appreciated & returned. All answered. Reply BT Box FB111A.

Get to Know Me .

23 y.o., 6', 220 lbs. GLM, new to the city, seeks GWM, 25-35 y.o., for friendship, dating, etc., possible monogamous relationship. I'm an average looking guy who enjoys reading, walking, drinking a beer or wine cooler and watching movies. I'm looking forward to meeting you. Write me—let's get together for a movie or a drink and get to know each other. Reply BT Box FB112A.

Quality for Quality

WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American or dark-haired (topish) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box FB113A or call ★★6167.

Granger

We met at "The Farm," Fall '90. Amidst our trials and tribulations, it's surprising how we managed to still remain friends. Do you remember our first date (Berkeley-Cafe Strata)? We finally found out we were mutually attracted to each other. I still recall our times together, late nights in the car and in your room at E.V., talks at Tresidder and Sequoia, last year's valentine—the best!, Cafe Flore, Oritalia and the drive back home (it's amazing we didn't get into an accident) before you "fled" to the Far East for the summer. I admit, we have a perplexed, unconventional relationship/friendship. We're both too cautious and rigid. My feelings haven't changed. Have yours? Can't help but wonder what the future holds for us. Just want to let you know I'm still thinking of you and I'm happy that you're still a part of my life. Love, Your Wild Card at State U.

Relationship and Romance

I'm looking for a special person to share my life. I'm 32, GJM, 6'2", 185#, HIV-, hairy, average build. I'm professional and originally from Europe. I have balance of interests; hopefully we can share some of them and learn new ones from each other. Not into bar scene. Let's meet if you want a long-term, monogamous relationship, and if you are HIV- GWM, 33-45 y.o., financially and psychologically stable. Send letter with photo (returned). Reply BT Box FB114A or call ★★6168.

Attractive Asian

Slim, short, well-proportioned body. Seek GAM/GWM for friendship. Interests include reading, dining out, musicals, opera, old movies, PBS programs, C&W dancing, travel, exercising, quiet evenings at home. Have a leather/uniform fetish. Not into S/M. Prefer a straight-acting, healthy, nonsmoker who is not a drug/alcohol abuser. Send phone number and photo (returnable) to Boxholder 43, 2330 30th Ave., SF 94116 or call ★★6169.

Handsomest of All

I'm HIV-, 35, anthropologist, Colombian, complex, single, 6', 170 lbs., well-endowed, blond/blue, new to the USA, horny, exquisite, understanding, ambitious, deep, fine, virtuous, with a sexuality that is attracted only to very handsome men. Seeks top quality companion for long life, great sex. You must be a jock upon whom we can sow our seeds, and if you aren't, then nothing less than a Nobel Prize might win. Reply BT Box FB115A or call ★★6170.

Conventional Reality, Virtually

A conventional looking lefty, you know the past, but live in 1992. You're in shape (lean to muscular), N/S, social drinker. Pop culture amuses, but doesn't consume you. Reality is more than a concept and you aim to change it. You blurt out Jeopardy answers before contestants and sports penalties before the ref. An energetic, muscular, forties GBM knows there's much to say in each other's arms. Reply BT Box FB116A.

Brain Dead Biffs are Boring!

QJM, 24, 5'10", 190, br/br, seeks the unusual. Bad movies, pesto pizza and anything obnoxious excites me. You are under 30 and either a smoker or smoking compatible. Big plus to wallflowers, nerds and the socially inept (I love company). Forget letter and photo, just say something witty to the machine. Call ★★6171.

Calmed, Cooled and Collected

This young, rugged, trim, professional Asian, 43 years, 5'9", is seeking a similar in-shape WM into sharing eclectic experiences. Enjoy strenuous workouts, sports, jogging, backpacking and leisure activities such as gardening, films and travel. Prefer meeting nonsmokers with a touch of class for nurturing and reciprocating mutual feelings. Letter/photo (returned) to PO Box 27024, SF 94127.

Where Are You, Mr. Wallstreet?

Ever wonder why an intelligent, good-looking guy like you, living in a great city like SF, spends so much time enjoying it... alone? You're not pretentious, you're clean-cut & shaven, a professional "tie-kind-of-guy," very straight in appearance, easy to talk to, have a unique sense of humor, avoids the g. bars, drugs and tobacco, late 20s-early 30s, and is attractively put together. So, what's the problem...? Could it be that guys you meet either have one thing, or worse yet, nothing, on their minds? This GWM who wonders also and has been described the same, would like to hear from you. (Sincere notes answered. Ethnicity not an issue.) Reply BT Box FB117A or call ★★6172.

GWM Cal Student

Repressed "earth puppy" hiding inside a cleancut exterior. Tall, energetic, 21, articulate, affectionate, skinny, curious. Tired of "style queens" with no appreciation of rain, trees, gardens—tired of "nature boys" with no appreciation of style. Happy things: Peet's Coffee, California coast, trees, good, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Winnie-the-Pooh, Cole Porter, chocolate, the ocean, cuddly young guys. Seeking affectionate, cute guy, 19-29. East Bay a plus. Photo appreciated —not required. Reply BT Box FB118A.

Fat Boy Wanted

for hot fun sex by athletic GWM, 6', 185 lbs. You are 400 lbs.+, 18-25 y.o., smooth, flabby, love to eat, hate to exercise, and love your body as much as I know I will. Adventurous or shy, just call me. Call ★★6173.

Escape to Santa Cruz

Are you an honest, intelligent, emotionally open young guy who's living a hard city life? I might want to be your big brother—(though not sugar daddy). I'm 35, dark-haired, cleancut and handsome. You'd move into a comfortable townhouse ½ mile to beach and seek a job. Preferably you'd enjoy movies, nude beaches, megahugging and wild safe sex (erotic spankings, tit-licking, dildo play). Call ★★6174.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?

Handsome, slim, Asian runner with nice legs and cute butt has huge men's undergarment collection. Seeks GWM for private shows. I will strip, model my undergarments. Help me into/out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. I'm HIV-, versatile, anal passive. Hot, safe, erotic fun. Plus if you'll show me your undergarment collection and try them on for me. Not into dirty/women's underwear. Call ★★6175.

Very Attractive GAM Seeks GM

I am in my early 30s, professional, very fit, HIV- and interested in classical music, travel, eating out/cooking in, and foreign movies, among others. Am periodically brilliant, occasionally stupid and, dare I admit, slightly square. Seek-

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ing a committed relationship with a caring man with similar interests and attributes to mine. Must like dogs. Extra points to those who can determine my exact age given my birth year of 4656 under the lunar calendar. Reply with note and photo (returnable) to BT Box 119A.

Great Guy Looking...

for new friends for fun and hot sex! I'm a GWM, 6'5", 37, 190 lbs., br/br, HIV+ (healthy), very cute, casual, masculine, playful and versatile. Great interests—from music and theater to hiking and travel. Prefer men around my age or younger. Extra hung A+. Send a note w/photo (if possible) to Great!! Box #40, 1001 Page St., SF 94117.

Celibacy Sucks

I'm a relatively attractive GWM (44, 5'6", 140, moustached, hairy, HIV- and oral), who, for one reason or another, has been abstinent for almost two years. And although I'm caring, intelligent, creative, inquisitive, affectionate, romantic, completely open to a committed relationship, and, of course, would like to meet the perfect guy and once again fall in love, I'm also trying to live in the real world. So... for now... if you're a big, fit, masculine, well-endowed guy, up to 55, with a few suggestions to match the opportunity, send me a descriptive letter with an equally descriptive photo. I'll respond. Reply BT Box FB120A or call ★★6176.

First Time Ad

I'm a masculine, good-looking, HIV-, GWM, 38, 5'9", 150 lbs., with dark brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy beach, gym, good friends, movies, cycling, animals, outdoors and hot safe sex. Would like to connect with other GWM my age or younger for dating & possible relationship. Please be masculine, non-overweight and free of drugs and heavy drinking. Let's connect & see what happens. Reply with photo or call. Thanks. Reply BT Box FB121A or call ★★6177.

Handsome/Lonely Seeks Partner

Me: masc., hairy dude, moust., HIV-, healthy, gym-toned, atypical, misunderstood, nurturing, attentive, off-beat but old fashioned, am non-yuppie, can be prof./prefer blue collar & likes salsa, C&W classical or ? No drugs/alcohol, I am 39, 6'2", 184 lbs., and like the way a man walks, talks, smells, tastes. You: lots of the above, HIV-, near my age, masc. and have a man's mind, but can share the nurturing. I want to come home and see a man hangin' out in his jockey shorts who can mind fuck me. Let's love and big brother each other, go camping, work-out, be romantic and a mutual support system. What don't work: the ultra-P.C., cologned pretty boys, gold chain yuppies, and gay mainstreamers who think genital descriptions are important. Anything clicking here? You don't have to be an English professor or a good speller, just write. Bears & all natural, unaffected men welcome. No meeting without a photo (no nudity). Reply Boxholder, PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★6178.

Uncommon Black Male

Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37 (well preserved), attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleaures of life: movies, dining out/in, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and nights out dancing. Your list of ingredients should include: age 25-38, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile/bottom sexually and most of all—honesty. Reply with photo, if possible. Reply BT Box FB122A or call ★★6179.

Did You Pack the Handcuffs, Honey?

GWM, 42, 6'2", 190 lbs., HIV-, good-looking, together body, mind and heart, seeks smooth, good-looking guys, 25-45, for hot sex and more. Mutual oral, tit-work, light bondage. Shaved balls, well-hung and good pecs a plus. Like outdoor sex, hiking, travel. Let's have some fun. Call ★★6180.

Life and Literature

Working male grad student, former expatriate, progressive non-activist, passionate malcontent, avoids beaten track. Unassuming, discerning, discreet, handsome, sexual. Good build, HIV-, 6', 175, glasses, trim graying beard, brown/blue. Likes walking, used book stores, old graphics, Forster, Bowles, Latin America, wine, not watching TV. Exceptional companion for compatible, slender, attractive, literary man, probably young, any race. Resume, photo helps, to PO Box 190631, SF 94119.

Silver Semi-Fox Seeks Younger Kid Fox

Are you a presentable GM, about 18-30, tobacco-less, disease- and hard drug-free, HIV-, who really loves to be fucked and kissed safely by uncut top Sean Connery's age, with friendliness, who likes to think, talk, look, laugh, doubt, care, music? art? science? porn? books, independence, astonishment—surprise me by writing a revelatory literate letter, maybe photo. Boxholder, Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6181.

On Your Hands and Knees

Hairy guys who like getting fucked dog style should send me their photo and phone number. I'm 25, slim, and ready to jump on top of you and drill you like a wild animal. 2336 Market St., Box 131, SF 94114. All ages encouraged to reply.

Valentine's Day and Beyond

Very affectionate and demonstrative, young 40 year old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy, stable and communicative, seeks energetic man who is in touch with his feelings and comfortable with intimacy. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages,.travel, current events, modern European culture), good sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★6182.

Blue Collar Hotline

Hot, sweaty construction workers and other muscular blue collar studs; kick-back and enjoy a cold beer while watching some hot porno and getting serviced. Cum directly after work in your dirty, tight jeans and let me lick the sweat off your cock and balls. Call ★★6183 or write: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Hung Uncut Tactile Voyeur

Handsome, Latino, bi, masseur wants to watch and sometimes touch other big (preferably over-8") uncut, attractive men. Brief or prolonged meetings. Group gathering also possible! I love tit-fondling, rubbing crotches/bodies, caresses, undressing you, cock on cock play, exploring yours close-up, showering/soaping each other... slow, tender, simple pleasures. Also, sharing our self-play ways. I've many great ones. And I give wonderful sensual massage. Let's share fantasies of city and home encounters and activities. I'm a sensual, "child-like," eternal beginner. Call ★★6184.

Absolutely

Multi-faceted GWM, 45, professional, HIV-, 5'10", 170 lbs., nonsmoker. Enjoy: being goofy, whitewater kayaking, skiing, CW dancing, passion for business & passion for passion. Value: honesty/integrity, hard work, open communications, my sense of humor, the child within me. How about you? Photo (not necessarily of you) please. Let's have fun! Reply BT Box FB123A.

Dominant Punks

Muscular, masculine mid-30s dude needs younger, dominant punk/skateboarder/skinhead type to serve. One or two guys (buddies or lovers) would be ideal. Kinky games, domination, bondage, etc. If you'd get off on this scene, let's talk. Looking for imaginative, nasty guys who might like to party with me. Call ★★6185.

Come Fly With Me

GWM pilot seeks other adventurous GMs who are not satisfied with the ordinary. Come and join me as we soar to new heights and look at this world from a different perspective. Let's enjoy weekend excitement through an added dimension. I fly from a Peninsula airport and would love to have a co-pilot. Call ★★6186.

Short Hair-Bald-Shaved Heads

are what turn me on. I'm a GWM, 37, 6'2", red hair, brown eyes, HIV+ (healthy), easygoing and very versatile. I enjoy music (all types), theater, cooking, parties, the outdoors and travel. I would like to meet someone my age or younger with a variety of interests. Please respond with a note, photo (if possible) and phone: Occupant, 1001 Page, Box #40, SF 94117.

Vietnamese or Japanese

Come one, come all. If your character is fun, playful, warm, sincere, handsome, 21-28, you may be the answer to my dreams. Who do you dream of? Take chance for match with masculine 30 y.o., 5'8", GLM, good sense of humor, easy-going, friendly. Want to know more? Drop me line with phone, photo included to: Boxholder, PO Box 2511, Yountville 94599 or call ★★6187.

A Cocksucker's Dream

Two horny GWMs need servicing on regular basis. Available as a pair! We're both HIV-. Available weekends in Santa Rosa, Calif. Write PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★6188. We are clean-cut professional men.

Oh, Fuck Kansas, Toto!

San Francisco Uber Alles! Brawny bitchy-queeny/hyper-masculine salacious passion Fruit, fresh from the farm, seeks other luscious fruits of varying freshness—especially the fuzzy varieties. Tired of hanging out with small-minded vegetables. Enjoy similarly forthright and clever classical music sissies, leatherboys, jazz, politix, warped humor, adventure. Details: 22, 5'11", br/br, foto to PO Box 43, Sausalito 94966.

Strictly a Bottom

Tired of reading ads that are looking for young, hung hunks? Me too! Hot horny Latin, 44, short, average looking, smoker, stocky, hairy body, balding. I have been told that I have a hot, hairy ass. I am looking for WM, LM, AM, horny mature hot topmen who would thoroughly enjoy pounding a safe hot ass on a regular basis. 2339 El Camino Rl., Suite 163-E, Santa Clara 95051 or call ★★6189.

Beyond This Moment

Dating has been very enjoyable, but now I'm ready for more serious intimacy. This 34-year-old, attractive, romantic Italian is looking for a man of any race, whose intellect (and sense of humor) is as big as his heart and finds himself beautiful both inside and out. Acting, dancing, comedy, politics and my career have captured my attention over the years and now I want to add a special man to my life. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, with a trim beard. Are you into the fine art of conversation and desire an intense carnal and emotional connection with whom to begin the New Year and beyond? Photo please. Reply BT Box FB124A or call ★★6190.

Warm, Intimate Co-Adventurer

Sought for intellectual, athletic, emotional, and Sexual involvement which is both challenging and supportive. We're progressive, bright, attractive, naturally masculine, confident, vulnerable, forthright, aware, caring, down-to-earth, HIV-. Stats: 30 y.o., 5'11", 162#, classically handsome, boy-next-doorish good looks, long-torsoed, hairy-chested, runner-legged, high, tight gluteals. Sexually, safely, playfully, versatile. You—(tell me...) Compatible, near 30, endowed, dark, smooth-ish? Photo/phone. Reply BT Box FB125A or call ★★6191.

Teach Me to Take It

My gorgeous 29 y.o. Xtra-handsome, masculine, athletic, 5'11", 158# friend has a problem: His appearance and demeanor attracts "bottoms," and I think (he agrees) he needs a patient, attr., in-shape, HIV-, near his age, endowed top to teach him. Your race is not important. If that's you, you'll find his high, tight globes worth following (or...) all day long. Reply w/voice or photo and description. Reply BT Box FB126A or call ★★6192.

There Once Was an Ad for a Man/

Sent by a young lad with a plan/ To go on a date, and hope that his fate/ Won't send him bored sick to the can! GWM, 22, 6'2", 175 lbs., brn/grn—seeks Real Man, 22-30, big/tall (not fat), attractive, sensitive, intelligent, and cuddly without being suffocating in either my physical or emotional space. "Straight-acting" not a prerequisite. Call ★★6193.

Friends First, Hopefully More...

If mutual respect, trust and love are words in your lexicon, read on. GWM seeks best friend/partner for life-long, committed relationship. Me: honest, down-to-earth, seldom broody, professional, 28 y.o., dark hair/eyes, 6', 160 lbs. I enjoy reading (Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, Nancy Packer, Robertson Davies, Iris Murdoch, anything about the Middle Ages or Albigensian heretics), running, architecture (from Brunelleschi to Michael Graves), travel, hiking, cooking, cleaning (just kidding), and hanging out. You're 25-35, honest, intelligent, satirical, don't smoke, have a zeal for living and know that a committed, monogamous relationship can be a life-long adventure. Please reply BT Box FB127A. Photo appreciated, but not necessary.

28-Year-Old Latin Male

(Mediterranean good looks), 5'8", 155 lbs., in fit condition, seeking companion in same age range for friendship, possibly more. Not looking to settle down quite yet. Things I like: Ella Fitzgerald, Cole Porter, classical music concerts, jazz, reading, bicycling, romance, films (classics, foreign, et al.), travel, liberal politics, Thai food, strolling around SF, the Botanical Gardens, champagne, honesty. Things I don't really like: the bar scene, shallowness, insincerity, self-destructive personalities. Latins and Europeans a plus. Reply BT Box FB128A.

Buddy, Best Friend, Partner

GWM, 44, 5'11", 190 lbs., green eyes, dark hair, good-looking, lives alone, no pets, lots of friends, no boyfriend, well-travelled, reads books, rides a motorcycle, drives a truck, very male but not macho, likes being smaller than but also likes being bigger than, more likely to open up to someone on the quiet or shy side than to someone overly aggressive. Want to meet someone like me, but different. If you're interested, give me a call. Call ★★6194.

Sailing on the Seas of Chaos

25, fascinated by the complexity and wonder of life. Handsome, 165 lbs., 6', brown hair/very blue eyes. Love reading, going to theater, cuddling with someone to watch movies or listen to music, playing with computers, sunlight dancing on a forested hill, ocean spray riding a cool breeze, meteor showers at dusk, and cityscapes glittering in the darkening night. I'm spiritual, passionate, great cook and masseur. I'm ready for a fantastic partnership with fun guy, 18-30 yrs., who's open-minded and into sharing life. If you're ready to create possibilities, send letter and photo to BT Box FB129A.

Don't Want a Daddy

My father is still alive. Don't want a son, or my ex-wife and I would have made one. Don't want a brother, I fight with both of mine. I want a slightly raunchy young man. Me, 37, Hispanic, hairy, Christian, dominant, bearded, black hair and eyes, 5'10", with beer gut. You, non-brown eyes, old enough to live alone, a little kinky, waist under 32 or willing for us to get in shape. For my real number... Call ★★6195.

Masculine, Healthy, Handsome

Seeking dates or ? with bright, masculine, sexy men, 30-45, sense of humor a must. I'm 6', 165 lbs., 41, good shape, HIV-, independent, and fun-loving. Ready to go. Please respond with picture and number. Reply BT Box FB130A.

Hunky-Romantic

GWM, good-looking, 36, 6', 190, brn/grn, mod. hairy, beard, buffed, hunky appearance, professional, obsessive about bodybuilding, romantic, competitive, spontaneous, funny, intelligent, love conversation, cultural events, adventure. Can get off camping or staying at the Fairmont, home cuddling or out in leather-jeans. Comfortable with myself and my masculinity and expressing emotion. I am top-bottom in attitude, although due to appearance perceived as top. Turned off to role-playing. Interested in meeting a local man who can relate to these elements, physically compatible, desiring a loving-intimate relationship. At the risk of sounding conceited, I am one hell of a catch and a man with a healthy self-esteem will not be intimidated. Reply BT Box FB131A or call ★★6196.

Want to End Dating Game

Let me introduce myself. I'm an attractive San Franciscan, 41, 5'10", 155. I work as a marketing consultant and am involved in gay community service. Committed to fitness program and enjoy hiking, biking, outdoor recreation. In friendships I tend to put energy into a group of close, long-term relationships. Love foreign films, though favorites this year were American ("Boyz in Hood"; "Private Idaho"). My idea of a great time: exploring ruins in Yucatan, or churches in Italy. A terrific Saturday afternoon would be lunch at the Flore, a museum exhibit, and scouring a flea market. Evening, a fun restaurant, a new play, and home for dessert(!) If all that captures your imagination, and you have a life that interests you as well, let's get to know each other. Please send a photo. Reply BT Box FB132A.

Santa Cruz Connection

Passionate, professional male, young 43. Physically, emotionally, financially fit, 5'11", 155, love outdoors, skiing, tennis, jazz, film, cooking. We both are attractive, trim, firm, HIV-, happy in a museum or at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. No smoke or bars. Honest friendship first, long-term goal monogamous magic. Reply BT Box FB133A or call ★★6197.

The Secret

There are dozens of ads and you don't know for sure which one is meant just for you. This is it. You don't have to hesitate in answering this one. Unfortunately you and I have had to rely upon this impersonal method of connecting with each other. Still uncertain that this is for you? You went to college (I forgot if you left before graduating, though); you're bright, attractive, lithe and energetic, but have a contemplative side; 20s, perhaps 30. You know that your smile drives me crazy and I love to kiss your nose! Me? Yes, it's me. GWM, 40, HIV-, 6'1", lt. br./bl., too smart for my own good. You forgot our secret mentioned in the title of this ad? Well, this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart. I carry your heart. I carry it in my heart. Reply BT Box FB134A.

Beautifully Aging Hunk

Manly, assertive, passionate, savvy, civilized blue collar bodybuilder. Bowled over 50 in as good a shape as Newman, McQueen or Fonda (any Fonda). Am extraordinarily youthful at 52, look 46. Handsome GWM, 5'10", 167#, light brown hair, gray-green eyes. Diverse interests in the outdoors, sports, the arts (especially film) and quality time at home. Looking for a tall, down-to-earth, monogamous playmate who offers intelligence, integrity, sensitivity, self-esteem, a loving heart and an HIV-, disease-free, lean, hard, hairy body, all of which I offer you. Call ★★6198.

Vital, Lustful, Adventuresome

Broad-shouldered, hairy-chested, Mediterranean type. Good-looking, masculine, w/ready smile. Passionate about life, so my interests & tastes are eclectic. Love to learn & teach. Sensual & sensible. Good negotiator looking for a friend first. Trust intimacy & lust to follow. I'm a young 44, HIV-, nonsmoker, a burly 5'6", 170# (gym) who loves hearty kisses & deep conversation. You are huggable, versatile to top, with glowing energy & willingness to grow. Hairy, thin on top, redhead, uncut or not. Strength of character, affection, good dental hygiene (& sense of humor) more important. Risk happiness. Call ★★6199.

Fool for Love

47, 5'10", 175#, muscular, short S&P, balding, 'stache, hairy, uncut, low hangers, HIV-, versatile mostly oral. Loves massage, dancing, conversations, walking, art, theater, films, books, dance, dogs, rock-world-jazz-classical music. Archaic virtues, spiritual not new age, allergic to Christians, Republicans. Wacky, humorous, playful, earthy, eccentric, curious, passionate, generous, nurturing, comfortable, affectionate, sensitive, open, romantic, realist, working class peasant seeks compatible, fit, masculine primary relationship. Reply BT Box FB135A or call ★★6200.

East Bay, Sensuous Blond!

Seeks HIV- romantic gay man for heart to heart intimacy with intellect... I am a 37-year-old, attractive, HIV-, bottomish, quiet, easygoing, Irish-American guy, 5'8", 145, smooth, solid, still tanned body, wearing wire-rimmed specs. I have a weakness for an adventurous, hairy man with a dominant soul and a strong body who is open to a committed relationship. Reply BT Box FB136A or call ★★6201.

Sober HIV+ Safer Sex Buddies

GWM, clean and sober, HIV+, teddy bear, tired of sex life consisting of getting myself off watching the VCR. I am interested in meeting other HIV+ men in recovery to experience safer sex with. Especially kissing, touching, cuddling, JO, tit play, oral sex. I am 39 y.o., 220 lbs. (a man's body), 5'11", asymptomatic and in good health. Reply BT Box FB137A or call ★★6202.

Read This Ad...

... when you're alone at night. Do you like videos, fireplaces, music, good conversation? Do you like movies, window shopping, working out? Would you like to meet a 27 y.o. GWM, considered handsome, who is in good shape? Are you under 30, cute, preferably under 5'11" & in good shape? If you answered yes to these questions, maybe we should talk. People have called me friendly, intelligent, and easygoing. Other qualities: nice hair, a good smile, long legs, and good hands. More top than bottom. Let's meet for friendship or... Reply BT Box FB138A or call ★★6203.

Fremont Yuppie GWM

Wanted: HIV-, sexy, good-looking, professional, nice body (nice butt and legs preferred). I am looking for a guy, 24-32, with personality, looks and brains. Colt men turn me on. I am 23 y.o. professional, very good-looking, brown hair, very green eyes, built nice (nice hairy legs). I resemble Kurt Russell/Patrick Swayze. Reply with photo and phone to BT Box FB139A.

Romantic Bottom

Wants to meet a masculine top for special times making love, sharing interests, laughing, enjoying music, food, wine, movies and theater together. I need your arms wrapped snugly around me and want the chance to make you feel good. I'm 45, 5'8", dark good looks, HIV+, prof. Jewish, amateur but serious musician (classical piano). Since you and I aren't into a gay lifestyle, we probably won't meet unless you respond to this ad. So, if you've read this far, how about picking up pen and paper now! Please respond (photo appreciated and returned) to PO Box 26661, SF 94126.

Strawberry Blond

Masculine, very attractive strawberry blond seeks compatible partner for relationship. I'm a single, HIV- GWM who's professional and also fun-loving, open and communicative (young-looking 45, 5'7", 140 lbs., trim build, blue eyes, great smile). Interests include movies, theater, music, reading, keeping in shape, travel, volunteering. You are 29-42, HIV-, under 6'2", and trim, with weight proportionate to height. Together, we are nonsmokers/non-substance abusers, and enjoy sharing affection, passionate lovemaking and emotional intimacy. Please respond with (returnable) photo/phone. Reply BT Box FB140A or call ★★6204.

Sex is Not Enough

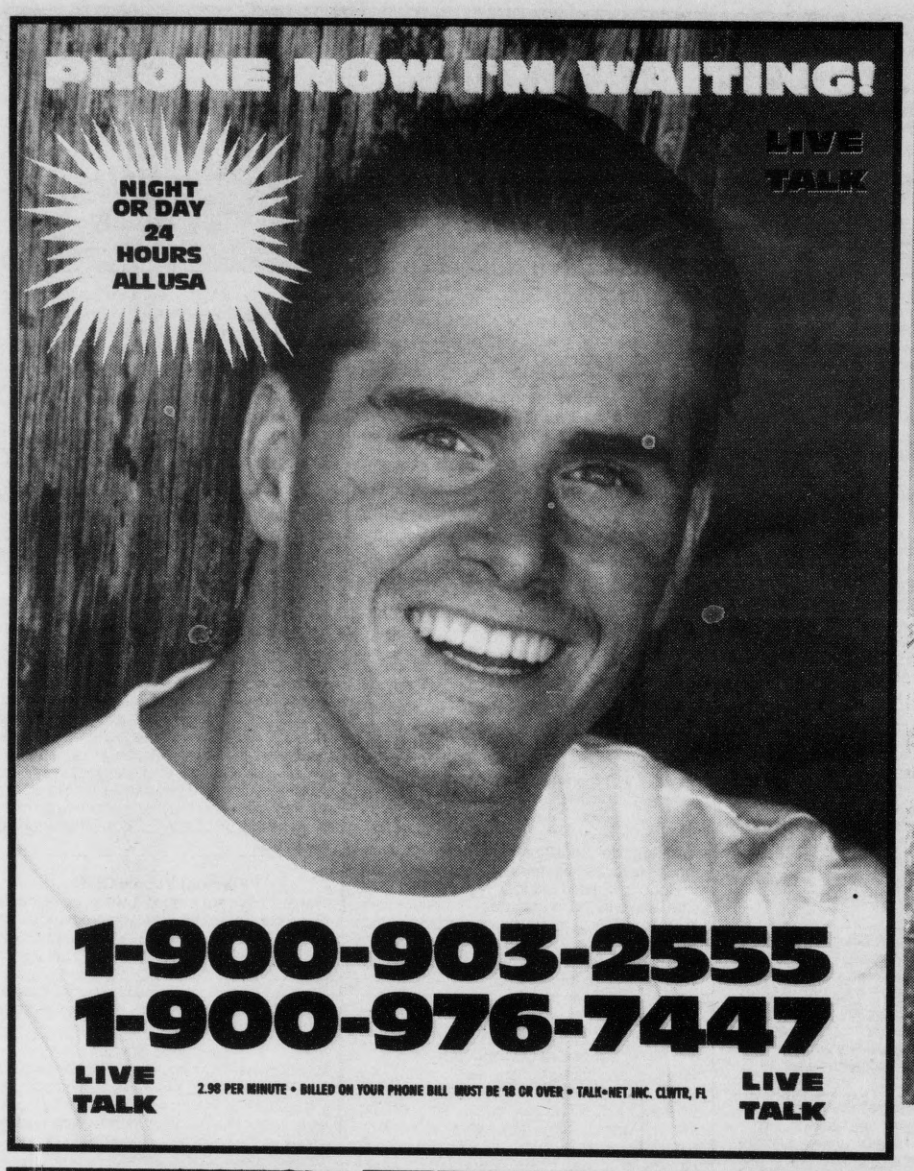
I want something more. Rugged, masculine, blue collar hunk seeks similar for romantic encounter. I'm passionate about my work in landscape construction and passionate and very oral with a hot man. I haven't had a boyfriend since my "marriage" ended 6 years ago—few men excite me. Stats: 36 y.o., 6'2", 180#, WM, lean muscular hard body, beefy uncut, short brown hair, short trimmed beard, friendly, great smile. Seek sincere masculine man with a great body and fat dick, 30-40 y.o., under 6'2", moustache preferred. Photo exchange a must. Call ★★6205.

R U Hairy?

Body hair drives me wild! Attractive GWM, 36, HIV-, 6', 190, sandy hair, green eyes, moustache, body builder, uncut, smooth (sigh...) looking for hairy GWM, 25-40, HIV-, about my height and weight, with moustache or beard, for long-term monogamous relationship. I love working out, movies, books, rock & roll, outdoors, travel, scuba diving, camping, skiing, video, computers, and electronics. I am professional, intelligent, independent, masculine, sensitive, loving, and have a strong sex drive. Please send letter with photo (returned). Reply BT Box FB141A or call ★★6206.

Are You Shy?

Is it as hard for you to respond to this ad as it was for me to place it? You: quiet, 30+, HIV-, slim, easygoing, straight appearance, ready for a lasting relationship. Moustache, dark hair, leather or tattoo a plus. I'm 40s, 135 lbs., 5'8", HIV- Top, moustache, live in mountains, like music, leather & traveling. Not into gay scene or bars. Professional, nonsmoker. How about flying to NY for the weekend to my favorite jazz club—then dancing? Give me a call. Reply BT Box FB142A or call ★★6207.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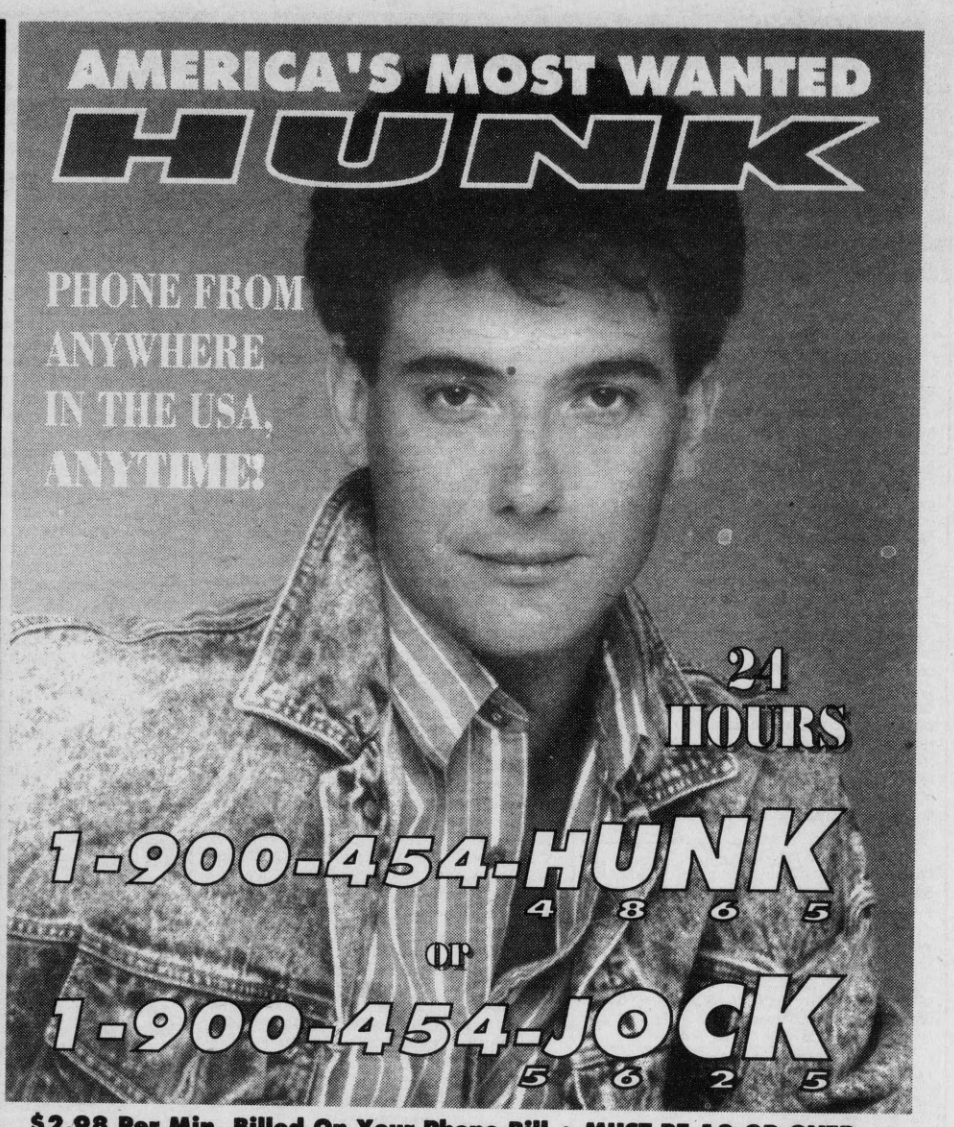

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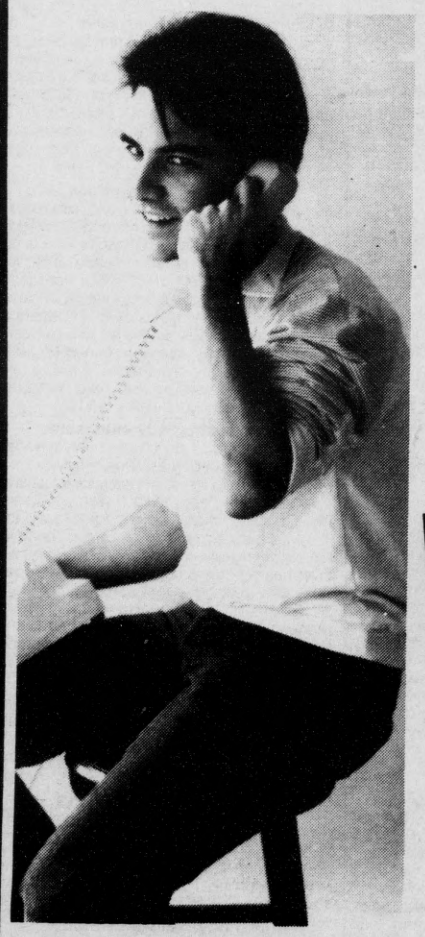

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Husband Material
Intelligent, prof. GWM, 37, 5'10", 170, br/br, bearded, NS, social drinker, HIV-, looking for similar, 35-45, for fun, friendship, possible relationship. Must be bearded (hairy a big plus) and sexually adventurous. Reply with phone #, photo if poss. to BT Box FB143A or call ★★6208.

One Good Man Looking...
GWM, 40, 6', 220#, healthy, attractive, smoker. I am creative and artistic, balanced and a little shy. I enjoy outdoor adventures, intimate dining and trips to the country. I value integrity, honesty and humor. Seeking GWM, 35-45, 5'8"-6'2", average to stocky build. Dark hair is a plus. Looking to play house with someone with similar values. If this might be you, let's talk! Call ★★6209.

Let's Have Coffee Then?
Tired of being alone? Me too! Attractive, stocky, nice GWM, 53, 5'10", 190 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoking, non-drinking, monogamous type, retired—looking for GWM or GLM, 28 to 55 yrs, for friendship possibly leading to relationship. Are you attractive, nice, a little zany, spontaneous, HIV-, and looking for the beginning of a sincere, today-centered, friendship too? w/photo. Reply BT Box FB144A or call ★★6210.

Masculine, Monogamous
Me: 6'2", 185 lbs., brown curly hair, blue/green eyes, tan complexion. I am a friendly, outgoing, straightforward kind of guy. Sexually I am a romantic top. Like everyone else, I like movies, dining out, etc. My real passions are jogging and outdoor sports. You: GWM, cute, boyish, masculine looking 28-38 y.o., yet mature acting. Financially secure. Must have good sense of humor, honest, open and sincere. Height & weight in proportion. No drugs or alcohol. Photo required/returned. Reply BT Box FB145A.

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Inner Child Seeks Dad/Pal
I'm looking for a strong, warm, physical and heartful man. Someone with "Dad" kind of energy—except that dad is near my age (37) and is also like a best friend or a buddy. Someone who is not afraid to meet life's challenges head on, someone brave and courageous. About me: I'm of medium height, wiry strength, GWM, HIV+. To me, a quick mind and sense of humor is as much of a turn-on as the physical chemistry. And I want to hold you as much as be held by you. Plusses: you feel, care, give, and might be good at backrubs and cooking. You have a strong, healthy sexual drive. You might have an interest in the spiritual or be in recovery. Minuses: workaholics, those with serious unresolved family issues, substance abusers, those unwilling to feel and express their feelings. I have a wide variety of interests including winter sports, home, all kinds of music and dancing, and traveling. Your HIV status unimportant as long as you actively take care of yourself and love life. Letter and photo please gets mine. Reply BT Box FB147A or call ★★6211.

Let's Fuck
Lube and rubbers are ready and waiting. Let's kiss and play and see who lands on top. I'm 37, 5'11", 185#, handsome, in good shape, with red beard, blue eyes and a libido that doesn't quit. You're healthy, playful, may be a decided top, bottom or switch. If it works out we could become steady fuckbuddies. Letter and photo to BT Box FB 148A or call me at ★★6212.

Professional Seeks Relationship
GWM, 6'2", bl/bl, 180, HIV-, 29, seeks man, 25-40, for mature, monogamous relationship. I enjoy weightlifting, running, long walks on the beach, cooking pasta, and long, safe, romantic nights. I'm intelligent, analytical yet intuitive, sensitive yet strong, creative, personable, outgoing, romantic and passionate. Will answer all responses. PO Box 9875, Stanford 94305 or call ★★6213.

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For Husky WM Admirers Only
I'm WM, 45, 5'10", 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No Greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Are You Aztec? Mayan?
GWM, 41, of Iberian descent, seeks romance with New World native, including dinner dates, Bay Cruises, etc. My interests include classic movies, meditation, the gym, photography and humor, but I'd like to know what interests you, too. We can begin by exchanging photos. Reply BT Box FB149A or call ★★6214.

Insightful?
I'm quiet, introspective, interested in psychology, health, art, nature, political/cultural/spiritual awareness, and everything else. Generally prefer good books over parties; home cooked meals (with friends/conversation) over eating out; long walks/Yoga over gym. I'm 38, 5'7", 125 lbs., blond thinning hair, glasses, with a sense of humor and adventure. Looking for average looking guys with unique spirits sharing similar interests. Boxholder 337, PO Box 410990, SF 94141 or call ★★6215.

From San Diego
New to San Francisco. GWM, 32, 6', 165#, masculine, br/br, athletic, HIV-, medium hairy, nonsmoker, moustache, professional seeks friendship/relationship with bud around my age. I enjoy kissing, oral sex and sleeping together. You're GWM, 20-40 years old, HIV-, with brains as well as looks. Looking for quiet, sensitive type who doesn't normally answer ads. Photo appreciated. PO Box 31893, SF 94131 or call ★★6216.

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A very imaginative, good-looking, mischievous, actor-photographer awaits your call. I'm a masculine, warm, cuddly, sexy GWM; a very passionate, youthful, mid-40s, HIV-, 5'9", 160 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, bearded with a hairy chest. I am looking for someone who is willing to be vulnerable, a heartful risk-taker with high self-esteem to share new adventures in mind, body and spirit. This is more important to me than a specific age or body type. I am widely traveled, a meditator and relish creative, hot, safe sex. If you are a masculine, intelligent, sensual, loving man, please reply to: 1001 Bridgeway, Suite 637, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★6217.

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With a soul music-loving, pillow-talking rebel who knows and likes himself. I want it all: good looks, fit body, sober mind, evil grin, wicked sense of humor (but knows when to turn off and tune in), and somewhere between 35 and 45 years experience. He can be tall, short, dark, blond, rich, poor, but he better not be boring more than 3 days a week max. Trim body, big dick (I'm shallow that way)! Moustaches and hairy chests get extra attention. So do artistic tendencies, monogamy, outdoorsiness, a love of books and magazines, writers of bad or good poetry, and a strong interest in gardening. If he wears cologne or jewelry, shops every Macy's sale, is devoted to the gym and thinks an interest in "dining, travel, beaches, films, the opera and good conversation" will be enough to hold my interest, he should move on to the next ad. I'm 36, a Southern-born GWM writer, 5'8", 150, br/br, slightly disheveled, sexually flexible but with bottom tendencies, sober, quick-witted, muscular and addicted to music and books. I like the Box, Japanese gardens, ethnic foods, Rawhide, CDs, baggy jeans, quilting, running, and am hot for the Doc in "Northern Exposure." I'm a rough-edged catch; won't settle for less. Your full-length photo is a must (I'm shallow, remember?). Reply BT Box FB150A.

Tabloid Dates
Wanted for standard stuff: clubs, food, sex. I'm cute, shy and somewhat shallow, GAM, 30, HIV-, 5'8", 140. You: GWM, GBM, GLM, under 35, your stats similar to mine. Get along best with extroverted, happy people who smoke. Nonsmokers welcome. Send all your letters to: PO Box 14433, SF 94114.

'60s Kind of Guy
GWM, blond, long hair, cleanshaven, ex-hippie, decent looking but no hunk, 5'11", 170, 44 y.o., seeks mate. Like books, bicycles, home life, children, outdoors, exercise, blues, classical, kissing, safe sex. Dislike S/M, role playing, size queens, gyms, bars, snobs, drunks, heavy metal. Looking for gay or bi Asian man, 30+, affectionate, employable, nonsmoker, almost always sober. Call ★★6218.

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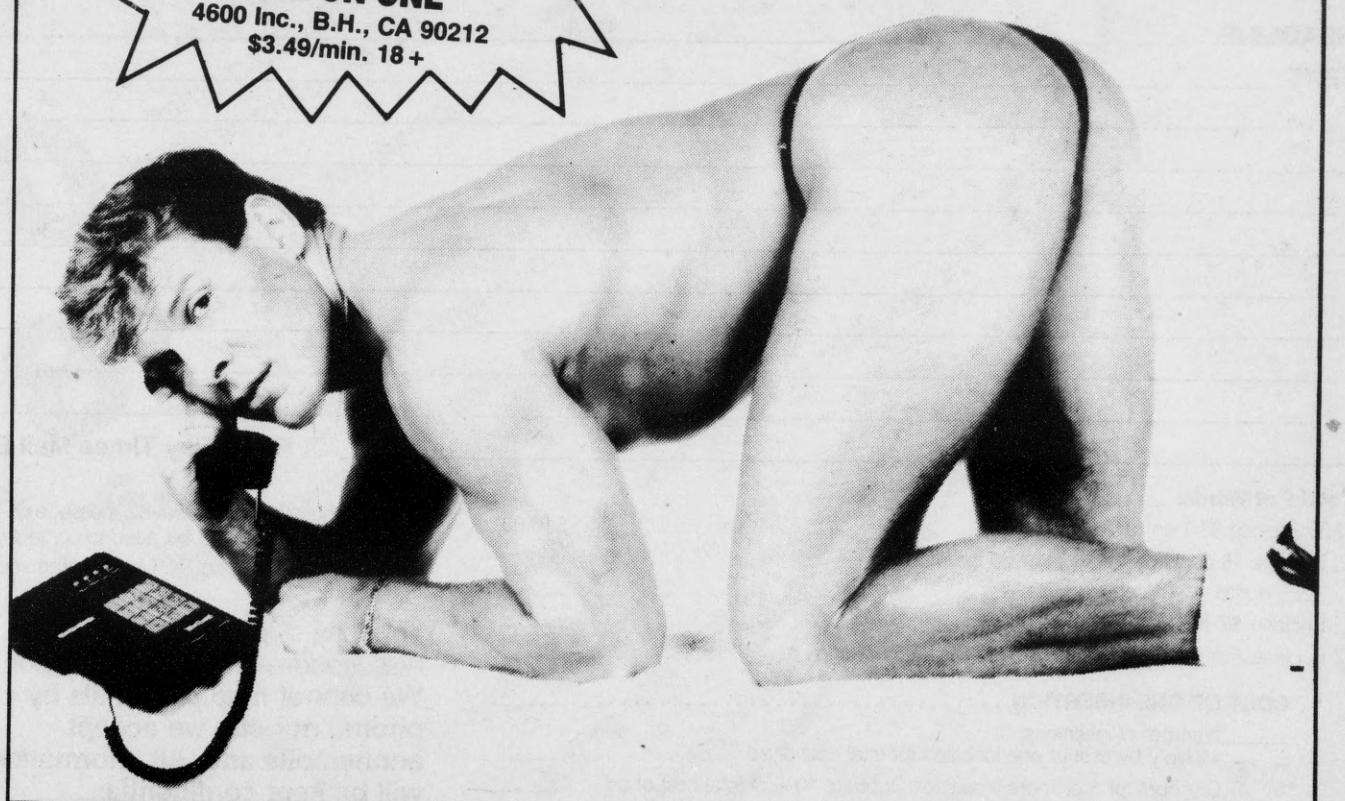

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Friendship First

SF to South Bay. If you would enjoy sucking and getting fucked by a mature, rugged, balding, very hairy man, read on. I'm 43, brown/gray hair, brown eyes, 5'10", 155. We are GWMs, honest, stable, unpretentious, trim, clean, well-groomed, cut, masculine, smoke, drug and disease-free, monogamous, adventurous, experimental, affectionate, fun-loving, and we share a good sense of humor. No beards, roommates or cats. Reply BT Box FB151A.

Look Here

If you're an intelligent, sometimes funny, left-ty/liberal, attractive GM who's on the slim to thin side, and you're interested in meeting someone who is similar to you (in these ways)—and you're not desperately seeking a relationship to give you a sense of self (you already have one—a sense of self, that is)—well, why not call ★★6221 and maybe we can meet? By the way, I'm 30, br/br, average height, and I smoke.

At the Central YMCA

On Friday evening, January 31—you wore a "Boogie" T-shirt, gold neckchain, longish brown hair, and cute smile as you worked out on the stairmaster machine, while I kept staring at your marvelous eyes. Remember me? I'm the long-haired blond who was using the stairmaster across from you, trying to read the paper, and too shy to introduce myself at the time—but not so stupid as to not find some way to try to meet you. Nothing nasty implied here. Just call or write me if you'd like to meet a friendly but kinda shy guy whose Y membership is about to expire! Reply BT Box FB152A or call ★★6222.

I Can Be Yours

Mature, professional, trim GWM bottom, clean-cut, horny, HIV-, NS, etc., etc., wants to please and obey horny top W., B. or Asian who is also in shape and has no bad habits, any age over 33. Looking for a sexual outlet and friendship. But not a constant relationship. Give me a call. Let's talk. Call ★★6223.

Bubble Butts Sought

When walking down the street do heads turn to look at your hard, round ass in tight jeans or spandex? If not, don't respond. If yes, a drop a line and photograph (returnable), be 25-40, and know how you want your ass treated; a finger, tongue, toy, hard cock. Fantasy or plain safe sex, let's share. Me: Good-looking, 42, 5'8", 145 lbs., HIV-. Pluses (not necessary): hairy butt, also likes to play with hot ass. Box 532, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6224.

New to San Francisco

GWM, 19, attractive, HIV-, healthy, 6', 145, smooth, cleanshaven, wavy light brown/blue, vehement nonsmoker, intelligent, agnostic (ex-Catholic), honest, decisive, precocious, enjoys food, kissing, cuddling, Eartha Kitt et al. female vocals seeks straightforward, cleanshaven GWM with substance, 18-30, whose maturity at least equals age and who is at least a little bit straight-acting. Reply BT Box FB153A or call ★★6225.

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Adventurous 30s GWM (looks 20s), 5'10", 150 lbs., good-looking, boyish, HIV-, smooth, nonsmoker, well-traveled professional. You and I are: masculine, curious about life, environmentally concerned, politically savvy, intelligent, spiritually inclined and sensitive to others. Prefer handsome, well-built stud type guy. Boxholder, PO Box 425514, SF 94142-5574 or call ★★6228.

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Unpretentious, 25 y.o. student, 6 ft., 175 lbs., is looking for quality. I enjoy movies, quiet evenings and romantic excursions with clever, passionate men. Open to meeting various types for friendship and more!!! While I have traditional values, I embrace progressive thoughts and perspectives. If you are under 35, seeking more than a one night stand and you have a body that won't quit, call me and express yourself. Call ★★6232.

Masculine, Monogamous

Me: 37, 6'2", 185 lbs., brown curly hair, blue/green eyes, tan complexion. I am a friendly, outgoing, straightforward kind of guy. Sexually I am a romantic top. Like everyone else, I like movies, dining out, etc. My real passions are jogging and outdoor sports. You: GWM, cute, boyish, masculine-looking, 28-38 y.o., yet mature acting. Financially secure. Must have good sense of humor, honest, open and sincere. Height & weight in proportion. No drugs or alcohol. Photo required/returned. Reply BT Box FB155A.

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